

Subject: FW: Response to your enquiry re Restriction to access of informat ion.

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To: "FONVCA (E-mail)" <fonvca@fonvca.org>

> -----Original Message-----

> *From:* Ernie Crist

> *Sent:* Sunday, December 16, 2001 11:43 PM

> *To:* 'cagebc@yahoo.com'

> *Cc:* Agnes Hilsen

> *Subject:* Response to your enquiry re Restriction to access of
> information.

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> *Dear Ms James:*

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> *What prompted me to send an e-mail to Mayor and Council with copies going
> to Fonvca and my community list which among others, includes Cage BC,
> was my concern about an item being discussed and acted upon by Council at
> a closed meeting on Dec. 3-2001 which, in my opinion, was in violation of
> section 242'2 of the Local Government Act.*

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> *I see from your enquiry to Ms. Hilsen, the District Clerk, with copy to
> Mayor and Council, that this is also of concern to Cage BC. It is also a
> matter of concern to other community leaders including Mr. David Sadler
> as well as other individuals.*

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> *My concern was not merely in relation to the violation of the criteria
> pertaining to this item being discussed in a closed session of Council
> without meeting the requirements of the Act, but also regarding the
> substance of the decision passed by Council at that closed meeting.*

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> *As I stated in my subsequent letter to Mayor and Council, " I wish to
> register once again my strongest possible objection to the In Camera
> Council decision of Dec. 3-2001 pertaining to requests from the public
> for information" "This latest action constitutes nothing less than a
> blatant attempt to intimidate, harass and prevent the public from
> obtaining accurate information and denying the public's right to be
> treated with professional respect". In this regard you Ms James have
> pointed to at least one such instance where both Council and the public
> received incomplete and, in fact, misleading information.*

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> *When Mr. Sadler, in his e-mail to Ms. Hilsen, voiced his concern about
> this issue he stated "It is my understanding that the topic of request
> from the public for information does not qualify as a subject to be
> discussed in-camera under the Local Government Act. I would appreciate
> an explanation".*

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> *In response, Ms. Hilsen, the District Clerk, wrote the following: "In
> accordance with Council's Procedure Bylaw, items dealt with at a closed
> meeting of Council are considered confidential until the decision is*



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