

Subject: IMPORTANT CORRECTION Re: Oink! Oink!

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IMPORTANT: Please be advised that I miscalculated the Councillors benefit package expressed as a percentage of their wages. The correct percentages are **Single:7%, Couple:13%, Family 18%**. These percentages are derived from the benefits valued at S:\$1091 / C:\$2063 / F:\$2963 expressed as a percentage increase of their basic indemnity of \$16,096. According to Bylaw 6994 they are paid \$24,145 of which one third is to cover "expenses incidental to the discharge of duties" and is non-taxable. Thus their actual indemnity is \$16,096. I apologize for my calculation error in my original letter of May 22. Dave Sadler

I have corrected my letter below to reflect the true percentage wage increases.

----- Original Message -----

From: [Dave Sadler](#)

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Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2001 1:04 PM

Subject: Letter to Ed: NVan District Council Pay Increase

Dear Editor:

May 22, 2001

Council Benefit Package

The last time Council voted themselves a raise, it caused much consternation amongst District taxpayers. It was regarded as unacceptable that elected officials should award themselves a pay increase. Oink! Oink!

Because of the hue & cry, Mayor Bell promised that this issue would be addressed in the future by referring the matter to a public committee whose decision would be accepted by Council.

Not surprisingly this promise has been broken. Following the trend of this Council to undermine the public process (Whey-au-wichen & Seymour Local Plan), disregard public opinion (Budget 2000 & Canadian Tire Big Box) and attack FONVCA (Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations), Council has voted itself a whopping raise.

Depending on family status, Councillors voted themselves a new benefit package worth up to \$2963 & the Mayor \$4263. A councillor's taxable wages will increase 7% for a single, 13% for a couple, or 18% for a family.

The issue came up late on Council's agenda when the public gallery had all but emptied. The issue was obviously too much of an embarrassment for Councillor Muri who without explanation, vacated Chambers when this item came up for debate, but who returned after the vote.

It is interesting to note that the same issue came before NVan City Council a month earlier. Recognizing the conflict of interest of elected officials voting themselves a raise, the issue was properly referred to a public committee.

Mayor Bell's distasteful handling of this affair is yet another incident for the District's Hall of Shame.

Yours truly, Dave Sadler