

Subject: RE: Attention Councilor Denault: Benefit Package

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Hello John,

I have spoken with members of North Van City Council, including Cllr. Bill Bell who is quoted in the NSNews story, and they advised me that full medical and dental plan benefits paid by the municipality were earlier approved by City Council and are in effect now.

What was being discussed at the April 2/01 CNV Council meeting was for additional benefits beyond the medical/dental package which are offered to other City employees and which City Council wanted to consider. I refer to the relevant line from the NSNews story that confirms this: "The additional benefits under consideration include a Canada Savings Bond purchase plan, group RRSP, employee and family assistance plan, a home computer purchase plan, and an employee fitness program."

So I believe the reference by S.J. Johnson, DNV Manager of Human Resources, in his April 9/01 report was accurate in that the type of benefits referred to in his report are similar to those already approved by CNV Council.

I hope this clarifies the issue for you.

Don Bell

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From: John Hunter [<mailto:johnhunter@idmail.com>]

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Mr. Mayor. May I express my confusion when I read in the April 9 DNV report to council "Optional Health Benefits for Mayor and Councilors" by S.J. Johnson on page 2, second last paragraph, where it states re the City of North Van. that "optional benefits paid by the municipality have already been approved".

The article below re April 2 NVC council meeting seems to contradict this.

Which is correct?

John Hunter

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

From: Dave Sadler [<mailto:davesadler@telus.net>]

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Dear Councillor Denault:

I believe you misconstrued my presentation to Council. The issue was not whether or not North Van City had approved the benefit package for members of Council, rather the process of how this review was carried out. NSN article of April 6/01 follows.

Yours truly, Dave Sadler

Committee to consider NVC council benefits

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NORTH Vancouver City council decided April 2 not to vote on a bylaw to increase benefits for mayor and council.

Councillors instead referred the recommendation to the stipends committee for comment. In suggesting that the decision be postponed, Coun. Bill Bell seemed surprised that the recommendation was even on the agenda for that night's meeting.

The additional benefits under consideration include a Canada Savings Bond purchase plan, group RRSP, employee and family assistance plan, a home computer purchase plan, and an employee fitness program.

Until last year, municipalities were not allowed to provide benefits at municipal expense to members of council. However, the province's Bill 88 (Municipal Amendment Act), proclaimed in 1999, gives municipalities broader powers and allows them to provide benefits to mayor and council.