

**Subject: [Fwd: Maplewood Acrid Odor]**

**Date:** Fri, 12 Oct 2001 21:24:07 -0700

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**To:** Corrie Kost <kost@triumf.ca>

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**Subject: RE: Maplewood Acrid Odor**

**Date:** Fri, 12 Oct 2001 17:27:41 -0700

**From:** Don Bell <BellD@district.north-van.bc.ca>

**To:** "'brian\_platts@telus.net'" <brian\_platts@telus.net>

**CC:** "'Dan Ellis'" <ELLIS7880@home.com>, Mayor and Council - DNV <Council@district.north-van.bc.ca>, The Frasers <weemalkies@telus.net>, Dave Sadler <davesadler@telus.net>, FONVCA <fonvca@fonvca.org>, Gord Howie <gord\_howie@district.north-van.bc.ca>

I am taking this opportunity to reply to e-mails I have received from Dave Sadler (Oct 1st), Dan Ellis (Oct 11th) and Brian Platts (Oct 12th) stating complaints about odour problems in the Maplewood area. I have also had similar complaints from a business in the Maplewood area and a complaint last month from a business on the west side of the Seymour River about a "foul fishy smell" that occasionally occurs in that area.

Last month and this month I visited the Maplewood and lower Lynnmour Industrial area several times in response to these concerns. I specifically visited the area under the Iron Workers 2nd Narrows Bridge where a fish reduction plant is located, and the North Shore GVRD Transfer Station and IBR (International Bio-Recovery) plant.

In speaking with some of the Maplewood area business owners they stated that odours do occur intermittently, but that there does not seem to be only one "smell", or only one source, and that the way the wind is blowing makes a difference. Sometimes they believe the odours may come from the refinery operations across the water, and other times from various sources in the Maplewood industrial area.

I have spoken with the GVRD and asked for comments about the NS Transfer Station and Mr. Sadler's contention that it is "substandard compared to other such facilities in the GVRD". I also visited the IBR plant, inside and outside, and was advised by President Frank Dixon that although their plant has a "negative atmosphere" to keep air and odours from escaping, they would look into the complaints and take appropriate action. I understand that a meeting between Scott Currie, IBR V.P. Operations & Engineering, and representatives from the Maplewood Community Assn (MCA) occurred last night (Oct11th). Scott advised me IBR will be working directly with the MCA to address their concerns.

I know that there could well be other sources of odours in this area and I expect that the GVRD and our municipal staff will pursue this matter.

With respect to Brian Platts complaint about the "foul stench" driving on the cut, I regularly experience a carbon-monoxide type of smell driving "up" the cut (never "down", at least so far). I spoke to my auto mechanic and he said that is a common complaint and is related to the car engine being under load and wind conditions while driving up hill. I also get the same experience in Mirta's car. I have assumed this was the source but I will try to see if this can be better clarified as to probable source.

I will advise you when I have more complete information.

Mayor Don Bell

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

**From:** Brian Platts [mailto:brian\_platts@telus.net]

**Sent:** October 12, 2001 4:10 PM

**To:** Ernie Crist

**Cc:** 'Dan Ellis'; Mayor and Council - DNV; The Frasers; Dave Sadler; FONVCA

**Subject:** Re: Maplewood Acrid Odor

I'm often assailed by the same foul stench when driving up or down the cut. Opening the car windows only makes it worse. It would be interesting to pinpoint the source. It's hard to believe that there is not some environmental regulations being violated.

Brian Platts

Ernie Crist wrote:

A message from Ernie Crist: This is nothing new. Elise Roberts has on several occasions come before Council with complaints about excessive pollution and noxious odor and I have made several attempts to address this problem. All my efforts were nixed. I may try again. Ernie Crist -----Original Message-----

**From:** Dan Ellis [mailto:ELLIS7880@home.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2001 10:01 PM

