

**Subject: FW: Notice of Motion - request to Censure Councilor Harris;**

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> > *From: Ernie Crist*  
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> > *To: Nathalie Valdes*  
> > *Subject: Notice of Motion - request to Censure Councilor Harris;*  
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> > *Motion - request to censure District Councillor Janice Harris coupled with*  
> > *a request that Councillor Harris apologize to Mr. David Sadler in public*  
> > *- Report Councillor Crist*  
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> > *That Councillor Harris be officially censured by District Council for the*  
> > *disparaging remarks she made against Mr. David Sadler, a resident of the*  
> > *District of North Vancouver, in violation of the District Code of Ethics*  
> > *during a public District Council meeting on March 26 - 2001 and further*  
> > *that*  
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> > *Councillor Harris also be requested to apologize to Mr. Sadler and do so*  
> > *during a regular Council meeting and further that*  
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> > *in light of Councillor Harris' repeated attacks against other Citizens*  
> > *including members of the Waterfront*  
> > *Task Force and Save our Shores Committee for example, Councillor Harris*  
> > *be requested to take counseling on the duties expected and required of an*  
> > *elected official and how they deal with their constituents as to the*  
> > *fundamental duties and expected conduct of a Councillor .*  
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> > *Rationale*  
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> > *On Mar. 26-2001 during a public District Council meeting, Councillor*  
> > *Harris challenged the integrity of a resident and a Mayoralty Candidate*  
> > *during the last Municipal Election in November 1999.*  
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> > *The issue concerned a rather outrageous statement which Mr. Sadler*  
> > *attributed to her during a previous session concerning Council*  
*expenses.*  
> > *Councillor Harris has repeatedly denied that allocation of expenses to*  
> > *members of Council, contrary to Council Policy and without the knowledge*  
> > *of Council was inappropriate. Evidence to that effect is well*  
*documented.*  
> > *While denying her comments, Councillor Harris publicly rebuked Mr.*  
> > *Sadler for attributing those comments to her.*  
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> > *As a consequence, Mr. Sadler obtained copies of the tapes of the two*  
> > *Council meetings in question & meticulously transcribed the relevant*  
> > *proceedings. Mr. Sadler then presented them to Council on April 2-2001*  
> > *with a formal request for an apology from Councillor Harris, as the*  
> > *transcript clearly indicated that the Councillor did indeed make the*  
> > *statement which Mr. Sadler attributed to her.*  
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> > *At the time, Mr. Sadler was instructed by Mayor Bell that Councillor*  
> > *Harris should be given a chance to examine the transcript before*

> > *responding.*  
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> > *Despite 9 requests over the last 6 months, no response, let alone a*  
> > *public apology, has been forthcoming.*  
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> > *It is clear that Councilor Harris has no intention of apologizing. As*  
> > *Councilor Harris is in clear violation of the District Code of Ethics*  
*and*  
> > *inasmuch as other members of Council have in the past apologized when*  
> > *confronted with similar instances such as Mayor Bell when he too*  
*attacked*  
> > *the integrity of Mr. Sadler but subsequently apologized for his*  
> > *transgression, so Councilor Harris should also be compelled to*  
*apologize*  
> > *for her scurrilous remarks. Since this is not the first time that*  
> > *Councilor Harris has insulted members of the Public during public*  
> > *meetings, it behooves Council to advise Councilor Harris to take*  
> > *counseling to familiarize herself with the appropriate and expected*  
> > *conduct of a an elected official.*  
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