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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST:

The CCA endorsed District Council is using every trick in the book to bury the truth about subsidizing the City of North Vancouver via the North Vancouver Recreation Commission.


The latest attempt was on Monday, May 6 when the Council Agenda was again manipulated yet again to prevent debate on a motion I had submitted 3 weeks earlier trying to deal with this issue.

Even though 3 out of every 4 major Rec facilities in North Vancouver are located in the District, the City is not contributing a single penny to the capital maintenance of these facilities. The same applies to playing fields. Even-though there is absolutely no shortage of playing fields in the District, the District continues to build playing fields because there is a shortage of fields in the City. The Rec Commission treats both the City and the District as one with the result that there is a shortage of fields in both jurisdictions.

The North Vancouver Rec Commission is working hard to prevent this issue from being aired and it is done with the help of the CCA endorsed District Council. The two reports commissioned to deal with this issue cost the taxpayers close to \$ 100,000 but failed to address the matter. The information to the consultants was supplied by the Commission. During the same time, the Commission raised fees by 35 % inside one year while fees for Seniors were raised by 54 %. Both CCA endorsed Councillors representing Council on the Commission including the one with Mayoralty ambitions voted in favor of these increases.

Having failed to stop questions from being asked nonetheless however, the Commission has now ordered yet another report. You can rest assured however, that the matter of the subsidy will not be dealt with head-on. The District Council did not establish specific terms of reference, as result the report will be just another whitewash at the expense of District taxpayers.

It was with this in mind that I had submitted a motion. But just as the item was coming up on the agenda, one of the CCA endorsed District Councillors with mayoralty ambitions, moved that the motion submitted by Councilor Crist be deferred. This is the same CCA endorsed Councillor who, in the last minute, put his own name forward to be Council's rep to the Rec Commission last December. He made sure that the status quo of subsidizing the City would be maintained.

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