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I forward herewith a copy of a letter to the editor of the NSN, sent this evening.

Bill

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**Subject:** Council pay raises  
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**To:** "Editor, North Shore News" <editor@nsnews.com>

Dear Editor,

I refer to a letter from Gerry Wolff in the Aug 14 issue of the NSN.

I think it is very sad that there are people who think that mayors and councillors are overpaid or not deserving of a pay raise after seven years at the same rate. Contrary to Mr. Wolff, I wish we were paying mayor and councillors decently -- perhaps then we would get some really competent people to run!

For the North Shore municipalities, particularly the District, the mayor's job is (or should be) a full-time one, equivalent to the CEO of a large corporation (the District's annual budget is over \$100 million). What person in their right mind would take that job for a salary of \$50 - \$60 thousand? Properly, it should be in the range of four or five times that amount. But, as a gesture to the public service aspect, I think a salary in the range of \$100 - \$120 thousand might attract a few good people.

A councillor's job may be only part time, but still carries a lot of responsibility and considerable talent and skill if carried out properly. I believe compensation in the range of \$30 - \$40 thousand would be in order, perhaps even a bit more. It's really difficult to attract competent people for the present \$20 - \$25 thousand that they are offered.

And what would it really cost? Let's say we raise the mayor of the District to \$110 thousand, and the six councillors to \$40 thousand. The total increase would be about \$170 thousand, or less than 0.2% of the budget! My taxes would go up about \$5, the price of about three cups of coffee.

I think it would be the very best expenditure we would ever make in the District, to get the kind of mayor and councillors we really need! Good people on council would save us that much every year, and

more.

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