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> *Dear Editor:*

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> *The North Vancouver Rec Commission is once again increasing its fees. The increases will become effective in Sept 2002 and follow hefty increases including a 54 % increase for Seniors in 2000.*

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> *These increases are taking place at a time when the Commission is moving farther and farther away from the concept of providing services to extend maximum health benefits to the maximum number of people at minimum cost. An example is the allocation of swimming lanes in pools. While adults, frequently urged to exercise by their doctors are crammed into 2 lanes, individual lessons are frequently provided at a one lane one client basis.*

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> *The one client, one lane approach has allowed the Commission to build up a large bureaucracy. While only a few individuals taking lessons may occupy 4 lanes, the many adults are forced into 2 lanes with the result that they simply leave the pool area. This policy is completely contrary to the concept of accommodating a maximum number of people to achieve maximum community health benefits and encouraging adults to swim and exercise. It is but one example of the growing lack of accountability by the Commission and the political leadership in the District to those who are subsidizing the Commission to the tune of \$ 6 million through their taxes annually. It is but one example of the fact that the Commission is mismanaged and is totally out of control. The two District Council representatives to the Commission did not even inform the District Council of the Rec Commission's decision to increase fees.*

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> *In light of the importance of public recreation as an integral part of preventive community health care, the matter should at least have been brought to the attention of District Council - indeed it should have been part of a public debate as was done in the City of North Vancouver.*

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> *It is but one more example of the fact that in the District it is the piper who determines the tune rather than he who pays.*

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> *Ernie Crist,*

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> *Councillor District of North Vancouver*

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