

Subject: FW: Response to letter from.....

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From: Ernie Crist <CristE@dnv.org>

To: "FONVCA (E-mail)" <fonvca@fonvca.org>

> *Dear Mr. (Name deleted)*

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> *Subject: Your letter to Mayor and Council re Billboards.*

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> *I agree with your sentiments re Billboards. As for the Golf Course -*
> *when the financial plans for Northlands were readied by the financial*
> *consultants they stated that for the District to meet the target of a \$*
> *38 maximum fee and pay back both principle and interest to the Heritage*
> *Fund from which the money to build the course was borrowed, three*
> *realizable conditions would have to be met.*

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> *1) the Course would have to be no less than 172 acres*

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> *2) it would have to contain a driving range and*

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> *3) it would have to have a large club house or banquet facility.*

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> *Unfortunately none of these conditions were met. The land to accommodate*
> *the driving range and the club house was sold to subsidize the District's*
> *operating expenses at a time when taxes in the District were already at*
> *the high end in the region.*

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> *The golf course acreage was thus reduced from 172 acres to 131 acres.*
> *Sacrificed was the driving range which was to be a money maker and*
> *sacrificed too was the Banquet facility also a money maker and part of*
> *the calculation.*

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> *All this was made public repeatedly. Unfortunately, with the exception of*
> *a few residents, nobody seemed to care. Those of us who spoke up against*
> *this madness faced defeat at the polls and one Councillor who shared my*
> *concerns was indeed defeated. The rest is history.*

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> *You may wish to get in touch with the Federation of North Vancouver*
> *Community Associations (FONVCA) to get a more detailed account of this*
> *fiasco plus a few additional ones. As it is, the fees are such now that*
> *the Golf Course is indeed making money but it is not being used to pay*
> *back the Heritage Fund as was originally planned, but to further*
> *subsidize District operations.*

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> *I thank you for sharing your concerns.*


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> *Yours truly,*

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> *Ernie Crist, Councillor,*

> *District of North Vancouver*

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