

Subject: According to Mr. Barnham as in Barnam and Bailey, there is a su cker borne every minute and most of them live.

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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST:

In addition to the figures I recently provided to you regarding the District's Subsidy for recreation which includes a direct subsidy of \$ 4.9 million for operating and \$ 600.00 for capital maintenance for a total of \$ 5,5 million annually I have now also determined the figures for the upkeep of playing fields in the District all of whom are available free of charge to the City under the Shared Services agreement. The amount the District spends on the upkeep of playing fields in the District in 2002 is \$ 560,000 plus an additional \$ 40,000 for the upkeep of School playing fields also paid for by the District.

The Minister of Education says thank you and the District Councillor who does not know the difference between capital and the interests generated by capital says it does not matter however, for while it is true that the City residents play on District fields free of charge "my (her) children" play in the City also free of charge. The Councillor is right of course. Our (her) children do indeed play on City playing fields free of charge. There is only one problem. We have in fields a total of 66 in the District versus 19 in the City and in School playing fields a total of 54 versus 9 in the City. In Grass soccer fields we have 22 in the District versus 6 in the City. In Grass Ball Diamonds we have 31 in the District versus 5 in the City. As far as I can determine the City does not contribute towards the upkeep of school playing fields in the City. As I said the minister says thank you.

The District's subsidy for playing fields does not show up under the recreation budget however, since the expenses for the upkeep comes under the District Parks budget. Keep in mind that the City's population is more than 50% of the District's. You may now better understand why the City does not want to amalgamate with us. With friends like the District Council who needs amalgamation. You may also recall that I recently submitted a motion that we ask the District residents whether they are in favor of subsidizing the City but my motion to that effect failed. The Councillor who does not know the difference between capital as in money and the interests generated by the same capital as the case may be was particularly vehement in her condemnation of the idea that we ask the District residents whether they are in favor of this generosity or not. My point was that if they say yes I will never utter another word.

Ernie Crist



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