

Subject: Notice of Motion report Councillor Crist

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Notice of Motion

Report-Councillor Crist:


That staff be requested to look into the feasibility of holding the North Vancouver assessment appeal hearings in the District Municipal Hall and if affirmative that the North Vancouver Assessment Appeal Board be asked to hold such hearings in the District Hall and that the \$ 130 per day rental fee presently being paid to the Lonsdale Quay Hotel where such hearings are presently being held be paid to the District.

Rationale:

In a recent letter by Mr. William Cassidy of 5002 Ranger Avenue to the Mayor and Council it was brought to the attention of Councillor Crist that West Vancouver assessment appeal hearings are being held in the Municipal Council Chamber in West Vancouver. By calling the West Vancouver Municipal Hall Mr. Cassidy was informed that West Vancouver receives \$ 145.00 per day from the assessment appeal board for the use of this municipal facility. It is unclear as to why the Assessment Appeal Board pays the West Vancouver municipality \$ 145 rent and the Lonsdale Quay only \$ 130 per day. Needless to say the District should get the same amount as does West Vancouver. But even if the rent is only \$ 130 per day it may still be worthwhile for the District to come to an agreement about the fee.

The hearings conducted by the Assessment Appeal Board last up to 6 weeks or 30 business days which at a charge of \$ 145 per day could amount to an income of up to \$ 4,350.00 per month for the District.

Mr. Cassidy points out that, to hold such hearings in the Municipal hall would have the additional advantage of being much closer than is presently the case when appellants residing in the District have to go to the Lonsdale Quay Hotel and worry about parking and other inconveniences.

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