

**Subject: RE: Janice Harris**

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**From:** Ernie Crist <ernie\_crist@dnv.org>

**To:** "craigslay" <craigslay@shaw.ca>

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Notice of Motion: Councillor Crist:

That Councillor Harris be requested to provide an explanation at the upcoming regular District Council meeting clarifying her actions at a recent GVRD Water Committee meeting when as Council representative to that committee she is alleged to have voted contrary to the interests of District residents, particularly those directly affected by the current construction at the Cleveland Dam project.

Rationale:

Members of Council recently received a complaint from a District resident that the Council representative to the GVRD Water Committee had acted contrary to the interest of the residents directly affected by the current GVRD Cleveland Dam Construction project. The obligations of Council representatives to the various GVRD Committees are first and foremost to represent the interests of the residents.

The charges by the resident pertain to a 15 foot cement wall that now borders the residents of Nancy Greene Way. It was put up as a temporary wall and was due to come down in May of this year after the completion of the "projects" involving Cleveland Dam. It now seems that Councillor Janice Harris and the GVRD have moved the goal posts and gone back on their word. This will force the residents to endure noise that will exceed the District guidelines and create a potentially serious hazard as far as dust and dirt is concerned.

Members of Council at the end of regular District Council meetings are expected to report regularly about issues arising out of their activities at these GVRD Committee meetings particularly when decisions made by those Committees impact District residents as severely as they do as a result of the ongoing construction at this site. I am not aware that Councillor Harris has recently reported either verbally or in written form to make Council aware of any activities in connection with the above allegations.

The GVRD is not an elected body and all resolutions submitted by Councillor Crist to change this situation have been thwarted by the present CCA endorsed District Council.

Council representatives to various GVRD Committees too, rather than being directly elected by the residents of the District are appointed by Council. Following the last municipal election in the Fall of 2002 Councillor Crist who served on various GVRD Committees previously was not appointed to any of the GVRD Committees.

To do everything in our power to protect District residents especially those affected by the current severe disruptions at the Cleveland Construction site. The member of Council who represents those residents at the GVRD Water Committee has a special responsibility to that effect.

It behooves Council to request clarification from Councillor Harris who serves as Council representative on that Committee.

-----Original Message-----

From: craigslay [<mailto:craigslay@shaw.ca>]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2002 11:35 PM  
To: Ernie Crist  
Subject: Re: Janice Harris

----- No, I have to thank you Mr. Crist as a long serving civic politician and for getting the concept right of having your constituents as your largest responsibility. That said as a resident of Nancy Greene Way and being on top of this as I can ( which is not a lot thanks to the GVRD) I am being bullied and seriously effected by the GVRD. I am shocked that we have not been contacted or kept abreast and the fact they never thought or researched how this has effected our Real Estate. Our assessment has not changed but read over the real estate statistics below and tell me if they should have? Shirley Clarke and other Real estate agents have said our property values have gone down in this HOT market. I have talked with several and we are thinking of a lawsuit. Thank you once again Mr. Crist

Yours truly

Craig Slay

Dear Mr. Slay:

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. It may be of interest to you to know that when I was on various GVRD Committees, I always took the position that my first and only responsibility was to represent the interests of my constituents. I was not appointed to any of the GVRD Committees following the election of the present CCA endorsed District Council.

[Ernie Crist]

Original Message-----

From: craigslay [<mailto:craigslay@shaw.ca>]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2002 4:28 PM  
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Subject: Janice Harris

It has come to my attention that recently our Janice Harris, Alderwoman at North Vancouver District who also sits on the (GVRD council) was part of a vote which more or less black mails the residents of Nancy Greene way North Vancouver. Yes those are strong words but let me explain. There is a 15 foot cement wall that now borders the residents of Nancy Greene way. This was put up as a temporary wall and was due to come down in May of this year after the completion of the "projects" involving Cleveland Dam. It seems that Janice and the GVRD have moved the goal posts and gone back on their words. We are now in June and both projects that the wall was put up for have either completed or were cancelled.

I have been told that now the GVRD has been given direction to tell the residents that they now have two choices. Pull the wall down and it will never go back up, or leave the wall up . This will force the residents to endure noise that will exceed the district noise by-laws as well as potentially having a large amount of dust and dirt the same as a major construction zone plaque their homes. Originally I believe the only way the wall was to stay up was if 100% of the residents voted to keep it up. It now seems that the GVRD have even moved the goal posts on that. There is at least one law suit against the GVRD regarding the wall now potentially several others that I am aware of.

There is a new project slated for sometime in 2006/2007 (perhaps). This future project may or may not have a effect on the residents of Nancy Greene way, North Vancouver. One thing for sure though is the Wall does!!! Prior to the wall going up Nancy Greene way made up 22% of real estate Sales in the Grouse Woods area. Since the wall has gone up this number had fallen to a staggering .04%. Of the listings and or sales on Nancy Greene way since the wall has gone up the only sale sold for \$195,000. BELOW the original asking price! One might call that a fire sale? (sold for \$620,000) There has been six listings on the street one was pulled off the market in what the MEDIA is calling the hottest market in YEARS! It was pulled off after four months of being on the market. This despite being the cheapest priced home in all of Grouse woods. This despite it having new floors, roof, paint (inside and out) using Ralph Lauren and the like. New kitchen bathrooms and so on. Two other listings expired meaning that they did not sell in the time allowed by the real estate contract. and two on the market have reduced their prices, one by \$70,000 and the other by \$25,000. The last home is a new listing. The whole of Grouse Woods only has seen five expired listings and Nancy Greene Way has made up half if you include the one pulled off after four months.

We all bought on this street to be next to Green belt/space not so we could live like Berlin's of old. I have talked with potential buyers of homes on the street and comments have come from them like " it reminded me of Jail looking out the kitchen window" " Hey it looks like the Great Wall of China" and of course comments about the Berlin Wall. We used to get deer beside our house now we have overgrown unmanaged weeds planted there by the GVRD. We want our greenspace back and for you to honour your words and quite being a bully. It is my understanding that this was done to save the GVRD \$145,000., which is less than the value the one home owner took in selling his home. If given the option of looking in to Green Space or staring eye level in to a 15 foot wall I think the option is obvious. Only look at the real estate statistics to see how others feel about buying a home next to a 15 cement wall.


Yours truly

Craig Slay

For more information phone Craig at  
604-987-9484 or  
or Francois De preez at -604986-3474 Should anyone want to come see the wall and its effect on my property please feel free to come by and look at

it. My address is 5261 Nancy Greene Way and from my roof (easy access) you can see the green space I would have with out the wall.

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