

Subject: FW: Fee increases;

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CC: Mayor and Council - DNV <Council@district.north-van.bc.ca>,
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ADDITIONAL COMMENT

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Ernie Crist

> Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2002 10:44 PM

> To: FONVCA (E-mail)

> Cc: Mayor and Council - DNV; Directors Team

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> A message from Ernie Crist:

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> You may recall that a few days ago I stated via e-mail, that there will
> be no increase in recreation fees this year. I did so because, at a recent
> budget meeting, our Director of Recreation, Mr. Gary Young said so.

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> However, Mr. Young has now sent me a message stating the following " At
> the District Budget Meeting last Wed I responded to a question from
> Councillor Dunsford who asked if we increased fees to offset the required
> 1.3% reduction in the 2002 budget. I responded NO".

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> Mr. Young goes on to say - "The additional funds we found to offset the
> 1.3% came from increases in participation particularly in classes where we
> are closer to max participation within the capacity of the class room. Our
> overall participation in most programs increased again last year and
> continues to be higher than the population growth. At the District
> Budget Meeting presentation on Jan. 12th, our Chair, David Hobbs,
> indicated that we are planning a 3% fee increase in September to offset
> inflation".

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> In other words, contrary to the previous statement by Mr. Young, there
> will be a fee 3 % increase after all.

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> Sorry for the confusion - I simply took NO to mean NO - not 3% as appears
> to be the case now. Mr. Young, in his reply, also pointed out that the
> subsidy from the District was not close to \$ 6M as I had stated in my
> message but only \$ 5, 575, 000 which included
> \$ 775, 000 in 2001 for capital maintenance.

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ADDITIONAL COMMENT

> Mr Young in his e-mail stated that I had also been wrong on the fee
> increases. I had stated that the increase had been 30 % plus 4 % across
> the board except for Seniors for whom the increase had been 50% plus 4%.
> Mr. Young pointed out that the 30% plus 4% increase was not across the
> board as I had stated but applied to fitness fees only, except that

- > *"fitness" fees for Seniors were 50% plus 4% -. sorry for the mistake.*
- > *I always thought that "fitness" was what it was all about. Sorry.*
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- > *So, Citizens, brace yourself for another increase unless of course you*
- > *are willing to fight back.*
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