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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

An incident occurred during the last Budget meeting held last Wednesday in the Council Chambers. I am reporting it to you since I think there may be a connection between this event and the District's FINESSE IN GENERAL. I will pass no judgment however, but merely report the facts though methinks the circumstances to be peculiar.

For at least 3 years the roof at the Ron Andrews Recreation Facility has been leaking. Whenever it rains there are buckets on the floor to collect the water droplets falling from the ceiling. Keep in mind that this is a community facility owned and operated by the District of North Vancouver via the Recreation Commission.

Finally last October the roof was repaired. It was not repaired in the Summer time which would have made sense to me but in October when the rainy season begins. For weeks it rained and this is how long it took to repair the roof - as facilities go a small roof. The repair took 6 weeks. When the job was finished however it leaked more than it did before. While before the repair there were on average 3-5 buckets on the floor to intercept the water, after the repair there were up to 8 or 9. This went on for quite a while.


I asked the Director of Recreation why it was repaired in October during the rainy season when most people have it done in the Summer time. I was told that the Rec Commission got a "discount" for having it done in October" I asked how much the discount was but the Director of Recreation told me that he did not have the figures handy. I asked a senior staff person about the cause of the leaks and was told that it was the Air conditioning.

When I asked another senior staff person about why it took so long to repair the faulty Air-conditioning I was told it was not the air conditioning but the roof itself that was leaking. When the Recreation Commission Budget was debated last Wednesday I asked the Director of Recreation how much the repair of the roof was and he said he did not know but turned to his accountant sitting beside him who as far as I know is doing the books and is paying the bills. She said she did not know either.

When I expressed surprise that neither of them knew how much the cost of the repair was the Director of Recreation stated that although he did not know he thought it was between \$ 60.000 and \$ 70.000 and offered to check it out and get back to me. I am still waiting for confirmation. As I said at the beginning, I offer no judgment but me thinks it to be peculiar.

The whole thing may be my fault however for noticing such things as leaky roofs especially if they are leaking for years and if they leak more after the repair than they leaked before and especially when the repair was done during the rainy season and especially when it cost between 60 and 70 thousand dollars and nobody can determine the true cost. But I promise I will not press the point for I do not want to be seen as harassing our staff.

Ernie

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