

Subject: FW: Closing of Lynn Valley Community Policing Center

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> *Closing of Lynn Valley Community Policing Center*

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> *A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST;*

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> *The Lynn Valley Community Policing Center presently located in the Lynn Valley Mall will be closed as funding of the North Vancouver District's Police Budget has been cut by 1.35%. There was no seconder to a motion made by Councilor Crist to restore the \$ 140,846 needed to keep the facility open. Crist stated that, closing this facility means a 180 degree turn in priorities for the District which had undertaken to expand the Community Policing program as the central piece of the preventive and extremely effective community policing program.*

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> *Crist pointed out that while Lynn Valley is being closed, Council is contemplating opening a Community Policing Facility similar to Lynn Valley in Seymour. An appropriate amount is in the 2002 District Capital Budget ready for approval by Council. Crist is the only Councillor who resides in Lynn Valley. He stated that it did not make sense to close Lynn Valley while opening other facilities especially since Lynn Valley was the area with the most crime related problems and the greatest population of any neighborhood in the District.*

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> *Crist has repeatedly pointed out that the District could improve its financial posture, among other things, by ending its present subsidies to the City. Under the current joint services agreemen between the City and the District, the District pays 100% of all capital maintenance costs for all District Recreation facilities including playing fields. The City's population is more than half that of the District. Crist has claimed repeatedly that the present arrangement between the two municipalities for the use of recreational facilities and playing fields is unfair to District taxpayers and that ending this policy would free up large funds for other purposes.*

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> *Ernie Crist*

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