

**Subject: RE: Closing of Lynn Valley Community Policing Center**

**Date:** Sun, 3 Feb 2002 09:25:43 -0800

**From:** Ernie Crist <CristE@district.north-van.bc.ca>

**To:** "Elizabeth James" <agebc@yahoo.com>, Ernie Crist <CristE@district.north-van.bc.ca>, "FONVCA (E-mail)" <fonvca@fonvca.org>

**CC:** Mayor and Council - DNV <Council@district.north-van.bc.ca>, Directors Team <managecomm@district.north-van.bc.ca>

Dear Ms James:

This is not how the system is supposed to work. To begin with the people who are "talking and standing around" are volunteers and unless we listen in on the conversation we do not know what they are discussing. I agree of course that people standing around talking and drinking coffee does not make a good impression, but if the facility is not run the way it should be, then it should be corrected, but not by closing it down, but by rectifying the shortcomings. If we close down every police or any other facility because they are not run according to "hoyle" we soon may not have any facilities at all.

Did you ever go into this facility? Did you ever talk to anybody or write to express your concerns?

This facility is a key component of our preventive crime prevention program which will save the taxpayers a great deal of money. You know the old saying "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". The facility is especially important in Lynn Valley where we have a lot of problems.

I can assure you that if this would happen in any other area of the municipality such as Edgemont Village for instance the residents of this area would raise "hell". In Lynn Valley you can do anything and get away with it seems. Is that the reason why instead of a pedestrian oriented town center as promised to the people of Lynn Valley we got a regional shopping mall complete with more concrete and traffic? Is this a question of lack of Lynn Valley patriotism or lack of local pride - I am merely asking a question. District Council seems to think that there will be no penalty for closing this police station since nobody will say boo or if anything applaud the decision.

Sincerely

Ernie Crist

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

From: Elizabeth James [<mailto:agebc@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2002 9:00 AM

To: Ernie Crist; FONVCA (E-mail)

Subject: Re: Closing of Lynn Valley Community Policing Center

Dear Clr. Crist:

In this instance, I am in favour of the decision.

Over the past several months, I have made it my business to look in at the front office of that facility. The reason? Because all I ever saw was (a) an empty room; (b) a couple of [worthy] volunteers my age or older just sitting chatting; or, (c) those same volunteers chatting or laughing with an officer.

I was on the verge of writing the office and District Council to discover what the office was costing, what the officers could better be doing in the community if they were not there, and/or what function they actually serve other than making the odd sale of the pins and regalia displayed in the window.

As always, I am open to your further information and/or criticism.

Sincerely,

Liz James

Ernie Crist <CristE@district.north-van.bc.ca> wrote:

**A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST;**

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.

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 open other facilities especially since Lynn Valley was the area with the

most problems and also with the greatest populations of any neighborhood in the District.

Ernie Crist

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