

Subject: FW: Notice of Motion - cost imbalance (discrimination) against District residents by the BC assessment authority.

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> *From: Ernie Crist*

> *Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2002 9:19 PM*

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> *Subject: Notice of Motion - cost imbalance (discrimination) against District residents by the BC assessment authority.*

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> *Notice of Motion - Report Councillor Crist:*

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> *That Council request an explanation and clarification from the BC*

> *Assessment Authority regarding their cost recovery from District*

> *residents for BC Assessment levies and expenses for the North Shore*

> *Squamish Valley for the year 2001 and 2002 and further that*

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> *Council bring this matter to the attention of the Provincial government*

> *and further that*

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> *Council request from the BC Assessment Authority that such a*

> *discriminatory allocation of expenses against North Vancouver District*

> *residents be discontinued and further that*

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> *District residents be compensated for any expenses they were charged over*

> *and above their fair share of such expenses, as the case may be, and*

> *further that*

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> *This matter be brought to the attention of the other affected North Shore,*

> *Squamish Valley Councils*

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> *Rationale:*

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> *Mr. William Cassidy, a District resident, requested a breakdown of*

> *expenses by the BC Assessment Authority for the North Shore (including*

> *the District of North Vancouver), Squamish Valley Office Levy and Expense*

> *Comparison for 2001 and 2002 .*

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> *Mr. Cassidy requested the information under the Freedom of Information Act*

> *(FOI) and has now received this information from Mr. Graham Duggan, BC*

> *Assessment Information and Privacy Officer.*

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> *The information reveals that District residents, along with the other*

> *residents of the North Shore Squamish Valley communities, pay a portion of*

> *the total BC Assessment expenses far in excess of their portion of*

> *population. An expense comparison for 2002 versus 2001 alone reveals that*


> *the North Shore Squamish Valley Office expenses in 2002 increased by 1.773*

> *% over 2001. However, the charges against the North Shore Squamish*

> *communities increased by 4.195 %.*

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> *But the information reveals not only that the expenses charged to these*
> *communities relative to their population are much higher than those*
> *charged against the rest of the Province, it also reveals that the*
> *expenses allocated to North Vancouver District residents in relation to*
> *the other communities on the North Shore and Squamish Valley communities*
> *are much higher. For example, while the North Shore Squamish Valley*
> *expenses for 2002 are given as \$ 2,967.200, the expenses levy to North*
> *Vancouver District residents is \$ 1,498.827 or 50.1513% of this amount*
> *while the levy collected by the District of North Vancouver for the BC*
> *Assessment Authority is merely 25.411 % of the total amount of \$*
> *5,898.419.*
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> *It behooves Council on behalf of the District residents to request the BC*
> *Assessment Authority to end this discrimination and to bring this matter*
> *to the attention of the Provincial Government.*

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