

Subject: Response to letter from Lionsview Seniors' Planning Society dated June 27-2002.

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Dear Mrs. Gilmour and Mrs. Overgaard:

Subject your concerns Seniors needs:

Your concerns regarding the governments polices and their effects on Seniors in areas such as health and housing etc. are entirely justified. The Government's Agenda has been laid bare for all to see. But the full impact of this new direction will only be realized after the new municipal charter is enacted.

There is a solution, of course, and that is to organize and fight back. At the very least Seniors, who will be the hardest hit by the government's big corporate agenda should do, is to ensure that local government is on their side. The opportunity for this will arise during the next municipal election.


You may recall that on several occasions I initiated policies of benefit to Seniors including the fight against a 54% recreation fee increase. The same was true for the implementation of a Mini Bus service on the North Shore to mention but two. Unfortunately these important battles were lost because Seniors and their organizations failed to support these initiatives when they were proposed.

I am mentioning this only to convey to you that from now on all adversely affected sections of the population will have to fight back against the governments big corporate agenda and its allies everywhere. Or, as Leo Tolstoy stated, "If bad people can unite to accomplish bad things then so can good people unite to accomplish good things. It is a question of leadership and political will. It is a question of standing up and fighting back or suffering.

I sincerely hope that my bluntness will not offend you but in my opinion it is important to remember that the first rule in the fight against injustice is to shed all illusions about the opponents real intentions and mobilize against them.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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