

**Subject: FW: Clarification of an alleged payment of up to \$ 3000 to the Director of Recreation to participate in a conference after his retirement in July 2002.**

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> *Sent:* Tuesday, July 02, 2002 3:34 PM

> *To:* Nathalie Valdes

> *Subject:* Clarification of an alleged payment of up to \$ 3000 to the  
> Director of Recreation to participate in a conference after his retirement  
> in July 2002.

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> *Request to add an item to the Council Agenda of July 2-2002 under Agenda  
> Addenda.*

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> *Motion*

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> *Report Councillor Crist:*

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> *That the two District Council representatives to the North Vancouver  
> Recreation Commission be requested to provide clarification on the  
> potential implications to the District taxpayers and District policies as  
> a result of information by a reliable source that the Director of  
> Recreation will be attending a conference following his retirement, from  
> the Commission with expenses to be paid by the taxpayers.*

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> *Rationale:*

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> *It has come to the attention of Councillor Crist that Mr. Gary Young the  
> Director of Recreation is retiring at the end of July. It has also been  
> alleged that, following his retirement he will be attending a conference  
> with expenses paid by the Commission.*

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> *It appears that Mr. Young, on or about the end of July 2002, has some time  
> credits for holidays etc. that may make his attendance legitimate as the  
> case may be.*

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> *Notwithstanding, he will not return to his post following his leave and  
> whether he is entitled to be paid for participating in a conference is  
> a question that should be answered. The cost to the taxpayer is alleged  
> to be approximately \$ 3,000.*

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> *Neither of the two District Council representatives to the North Vancouver  
> Recreation Commission including Councillor MacKay-Dunn, has ever  
> reported to Council on any of the issues mentioned above. What is more the  
> official minutes of the Recreation Commission meeting of June where the  
> decision is alleged to have been made will not be available until later in  
> July 2002.*

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- > *The subject is therefore of some urgency and, although based on*
- > *allegations, the information comes directly from an elected member of*
- > *the two North Vancouver Councils. In light of this, it behooves Council,*
- > *on behalf o the District taxpayers, to seek clarification from Councilor*
- > *MacKay Dunn, one of the two Council representatives to the Commission, as*
- > *to the veracity and/or the circumstances of a decision to which he was*
- > *apparently privy.*
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- > *To pay expenses to a member of the Recreation Commission for attending a*
- > *conference following his retirement may be legitimate but raises some*
- > *ethical and possibly policy questions, especially since the Director is*
- > *alleged to be going into private business related to recreation following*
- > *his leave from the Reek Commission.*
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- > *At the very least Councillor MacKay-Dunn, one of the two District*
- > *representatives to the Commission, as part of his obligations to Council,*
- > *should have reported such a sensitive matter to Council.*
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