

Subject: FW: N.S. Editorial on "Berlin Wall"

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> *From:* Ernie Crist

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> *Subject:* N.S. Editorial on "Berlin Wall"

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> *The Editor:*

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> *I had to hold onto my chair when I read the NEWS editorial on the*

> *Cleveland Dam Wall (Berlin Wall).*

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> *The message is clear. For the GVRD to make promises and then do the exact*

> *opposite is OK. Apparently it is also OK to do it behind the public's*

> *back. Maybe we can better understand now why the word government,*

> *including "civic", leaves a bad taste in people's mouths.*

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> *Both these two points are the issue rather than the fiscal red herrings*

> *the editorial defended. When the decision, with public input, was made*

> *to put up the wall, it was done with the understanding that it would be*

> *for a duration of 2 years. If this was not the intention, then it should*

> *have been stated from the beginning. If a change was warranted, it should*

> *have, at the very least, been brought to the attention of District Council*

> *and the people directly affected. Neither was done, however. The*

> *District representative to the GVRD Water Committee, whom you praise to*

> *the skies as an example of courage and fiscal prudence, was silent.*

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> *You are mistaken. Anybody can make a promise and then renege on it. It*

> *does not take courage, at least not in my book. Courage is to stick to*

> *what the public thought was a decision made in good faith. That is*

> *courage. Any two bit politician can make promises and then go back on*

> *them. And just because selling out the public happens all the time does*

> *not make it a virtue.*

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> *As for the "Berlin Wall" (Cleveland Wall), anybody who has seen it can*

> *testify that it is an ecological disaster that has cost the adjoining*

> *residents dearly. But since your editorial is full of praise for the*

> *culprits, albeit under the mantle of fiscal prudence, history will surely*

> *repeat itself. But as far as I am concerned, you sent the wrong message.*

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> *Ernie Crist,*

> *Councillor, District of North Vancouver*



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