

Subject: [Fwd: Meeting Procedures]

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Subject: Meeting Procedures

Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 15:23:16 -0800

From: Agnes Hilsen <HilsenA@dnv.org>

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Dear Mr. Sadler:

This will advise that the closed meeting agenda is reviewed very carefully to ensure that all items on the agenda comply with the criteria for discussion at a closed meeting. I would agree with your observation that the approval of grants should be the topic of a Regular Council meeting.

In the District, by policy, grant applications are normally referred to either the Sport and Recreation Grant Committee, the Arts & Cultural Commission of North Vancouver or the Community Services Advisory Committee for consideration, depending on the nature of the application. The Committee then makes a recommendation to Council for consideration at a Regular Council meeting. Council generally accepts the recommendation of the Committee. There is no such policy which would have applied to the two requests in question.

For that reason, Mayor Bell had specifically requested that this item be initially placed on an Closed agenda with the intention that, if Council had any interest in considering these requests, they would be referred to a Regular Council meeting for discussion and decision. Mayor Bell's rationale was to avoid any embarrassment to the young persons applying should Council not wish to proceed with consideration of awarding of grants. The two grant requests were then referred without decision from the closed meeting and considered and approved during the Regular Council meeting. It is anticipated that a policy will be established in future whereby these types of requests will be handled in a similar manner to other grant requests.

Again, I would confirm that items for discussion at a closed meeting are examined closely to make sure that they meet the specified criteria.

Yours truly,

Agnes Hilsen
Municipal Clerk

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

From: Dave Sadler [mailto:davesadler@telus.net]

Sent: March 19, 2002 1:02 PM

To: Agnes Hilsen

Cc: northshore news; Outlook; FONVCA; Mayor and Council - DNV

Subject: In-Camera Discussuion

Dear Agnes Hilsen:

There has been ongoing public concern regarding what is discussed in-camera instead of appearing as a regular Council agenda item. Last night Council addressed the awarding of sports grants to two individuals in-camera. I fail to understand how this topic falls under the criteria of in-camera discussions as outlined in the Local Government Act.

It was mentioned that the applicants had previously been approved grants by the City of North Vancouver. On checking with Mr.Hawkshaw, he assured me that this item was dealt with during the City's regular Council meeting and not in-camera.

If the City did not deal with this item in-camera, why did the District?

I believe the District is continuing to abuse the spirit & intent of the Local Government Act in discussing matters in-camera which should be open to the public. The District has received numerous complaints on this matter, yet have failed to correct this problem. **Therefore I request the issue of what is discussed in-camera be brought before Council as an agenda item, so that it may be thoroughly vetted before the public.**

Yours truly, Dave Sadler