

Subject: [Fwd: Save-On Foods & BC Planning Institute's Code of Ethics]

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From: [Dave Sadler](#)

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Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2002 10:23 PM

Subject: Save-On Foods & BC Planning Institute's Code of Ethics

Dear Mr. Zerr:

In good faith I presented to you my concern that no one in the Planning Department attempted to clarify the future closure of the Save-On Foods Marine Drive entrance for members of Council even though they were incorrect in their assumption that the District could somehow fix the problem in the future.

I politely stated that I believed that the "District's professional staff are obligated to intervene & provide clarification. I believe this is plainly articulated in the BC Planning Institute's Code of Ethics."

Regrettably, you dismiss this statement out of hand stating "Neither I or my staff have violated the Planning Institute's Code of Ethics" and believe that I am "clearly way out of line" while requesting that I "kindly apologize and withdraw the accusation."

I find it disconcerting that you should be so adamant in your response & wonder when was the last time that you actually reviewed the PIBC Code of Ethics? I have provided the link for your convenience.

http://www.pibc.bc.ca/code_of_ethics.htm

Besides 14.1.1, 14.1.2 & 14.1.3, I believe in particular that section 14.2.7 indicates that Planning is duty bound to set Council straight when they are wrong on a planning issue. In addition 14.2.9 indicates that when Council acts contrary to the public interest, Planning is obliged to say so to council.

I have copied the specific sections for your convenience:

14.1 The Planner's Responsibility to the Public Interest

Members have a primary responsibility to define and serve the interests of the public. This requires the use of theories and techniques of planning that inform and structure debate, facilitate communication, and foster understanding. Accordingly, a Member shall:

14.1.1 practice in a manner that respects the needs, values and aspirations of the public and encourages discussion on these matters;

14.1.2 provide full, clear and accurate information on public planning matters to decision-makers and the public;

14.1.3 acknowledge the inter-related nature of planning decisions and their consequences for individuals, the

natural and built environment, and the broader public interest; and

14.2 The Planner's Responsibility to Clients and Employers

Members owe diligent, creative, independent, and competent performance of work in pursuit of the client's or employer's interest. Accordingly, a Member shall:

14.2.7 inform the client or employer in the event of a conflict between the values or actions of the client or employer and the values or actions set in this Code;

14.2.9 inform all relevant parties and provide the Member's professional recommendation in circumstances where the public interest may be adversely affected;

I do not believe a rational person would consider that my comments were "way out of line." Moreover, to deflect the issue, you attribute my reasoned & substantiated comment as "personal attacks".

I assure you Mr.Zerr, that my complaints are not of a personal nature. Rather they focus strictly on the responsibility of District staff to fulfil their duties in a fair, open, unbiased & conscientious manner. Regrettably, in my opinion, this was not the case in this particular instance. As stated previously, I believe this is part of an ongoing problem and a clear pattern of inconsistencies has developed.

What I find most disturbing is senior management's continuing state of denial that there is something very wrong at District Hall. I will continue to press for fair, open & accountable municipal government with or without your understanding & co-operation.

FYI, I will be forwarding the above letter to FONVCA.

Yours truly, Dave Sadler

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