

**Subject: FW:****Date:** Thu, 19 Dec 2002 14:47:06 -0800**From:** "Ernie Crist" <ernie\_crist@dnv.org>**To:** "FONVCA (E-mail)" <fonvca@fonvca.org>

A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST:

I am passing on the e-mail response from ex Councillor Pat Munroe on the right of a Councillor to introduce and explain a motion.

Ernie Crist

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

From: Pat Munroe [<mailto:pat.munroe@shaw.ca>]

Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2002 10:13 PM

To: Ernie Crist

Subject: Re:

Further to the Democratic Principles,

On the issue of presenting reasons and purpose for Councillors to consider before they decide whether or not to second a motion, there are further questions which may arise:

It would not be surprising if the question were considered whether the 'Citizens For Responsible Government' are acting as a team or party against the issue of the Democratic Principle that Councillors should have the right to hear the reasons and purpose of motions presented by an elected representative of the voters.

A further question might arise as to whether they are acting as a caucus reaching agreement among themselves on the issue, outside of the recognized Regular Meeting of Council.

Would that not be considered a meeting of at least 4 members of Council, which would comprise a legal meeting by a quorum of Council?

Such a meeting (whether in person or by electronic means), not held in public view, would be 'In-Camera'. Because it would not pass the test for a legally held 'In-Camera' meeting, it would be classified as an illegal meeting.

Also, minutes of such a meeting should be available for public view.

In addition, such meeting would require prior notice to all members of Council.

When such obvious essentials of Democratic Principles as Freedom of Speech and the Right to Hear are under attack, it may be suspected that other Rights and Principles are among the casualties.

Maybe Yes, Maybe No. But, in any case, does something smell of Denmark?

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From: "Ernie Crist" &lt;ernie\_crist@dnv.org&gt;

To: "FONVCA (E-mail)" &lt;fonvca@fonvca.org&gt;

Sent: Sunday, December 15, 2002 10:15 PM


A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

A complete list of all the motions I submitted in writing in the last 5 years for Councils consideration is available upon request. Some newly elected members of District Council, 5 of whom were endorsed by the "Citizens for Responsible Government", recently claimed that such motions may have been frivolous etc., and that subsequently refusing my right to explain such motions, when they came up for debate, may have been and continues to be justified.

I am making the list available so that you may decide for yourself whether these charges are justified or simply based on political bias. There was also a charge that I may have submitted more than two such motions at any given time, thus taking up too much Council time. This is another red herring, of course, and in any case, could only happen if an agenda was not completed and motions had to be carried over to the next Council meeting, more than likely the result of either poor chairmanship or deliberate manipulation of the agenda.

Ernie Crist

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