

Subject: FW: Independent Legal opinion; Procedure of District Staff regarding Critical Issues affecting the District

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NOTICE OF MOTION - REPORT COUNCILLOR CRIST- INDEPENDENT LEGAL OPINION - PROCEDURE REGARDING
CRITICAL ISSUES AFFECTING THE DISTRICT

> *Recommendation:*

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> *That Council request an independent legal opinion as to whether District Staff acted within their legal and ethical mandate when during Council debate on the renewal of a contract to Don Mac, an outside service provider to maintain the Northlands Golf Course, staff failed to inform Council THAT AN EMPLOYEE OF DON MAC WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE EMBEZZLED THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER IN THE AMOUNT OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.*

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> *Reason for Report:*

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> *It has been reported in the press, and Mayor Bell has confirmed that District staff acted within their mandate when they withheld information from Council pertaining to the extension of a contract to Don Mac Holding for the renewal of a contract to maintain the Northlands Golf Course.*

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> *At the time of debate by Council, in closed session, District staff was aware that an employee of Don Mac Holding was alleged to have embezzled funds and goods from the District amounting to tens of thousands of dollars. This fact was withheld from District Council.*

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> *Clarification of this issue is of crucial importance to the provision of good government by the elected representatives of the District of North Vancouver*



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