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To: Mayor & Members of Council
District of North Vancouver

From: Corrie Kost
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Re: Northlands "Affair"

The Mayor's message, enclosed with our recent tax invoice, stated that an "external audit has been completed and steps have been taken internally to prevent a recurrence of this type of situation". What is not stated is that the Northlands Review Committee has neither been given access to the audit nor has it been allowed to even know what corrective steps staff have taken! In my opinion this has severely hampered the workings of this Council appointed public committee. In addition, the Northlands Committee, whose purpose was "to review generic issues resulting from the Northlands Golf Course investigation" has not met for over 2 months – allegedly due to Council being too busy to meet with them to discuss the committee's interim report. Northland's former General Manager would like to appear before the committee. If it were up to me he would. But I don't see any prospect of this happening. I will let council and the members of the public draw their own conclusions on all this.

I further question the withholding of any or all of the audit report. If indeed the District contributed to the non-detection of a theft for several years then the public has a right to know this and be informed as to how this could have happened. The excuse that this would weaken the district's civil case against the alleged party is not credible as the document must be produced in its entirety in any court proceedings. To withhold all or part of the audit report not only makes it appear that the District has something to hide, it also weakens any subsequent court case. I thus request that the entire audit report be made public – and, the sooner the better. The public too is seeking closure on this matter.

Yours truly,

Corrie Kost

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