Subject: FW: Notice of Motion
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Ernie Crist
> Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2003 11:12 PM
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> Subject: FW: Notice of Motion
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> R E V I S E D
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> Notice of Motion:
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> That all acts of discrimination initiated by Mayor Bell against Councillor Crist, including preventing Councillor Crist from being Acting Mayor and/or accessing the Clerk's Department, be rescinded.
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> Rationale:
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> During the 1999 District Municipal election Councillor Crist supported a Mayoralty Candidate other than Mayor Bell. It appears that upon re-election this prompted Mayor Bell to initiate a campaign of provocations and harassment against Councillor Crist (" we will now put Crist in his place"). This included at least one attempt to incite a member of staff to provide false testimony against Councillor Crist.
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> On or about the same time, a junior clerk alleged that Councillor Crist upon entering her office had raised his voice while questioning her about her refusal to let him see an upcoming agenda. (Councillor Crist had done so for many years without anybody questioning his right to do so). When asked by Councillor Crist on whose authority she refused his request, the junior clerk, seeking a promotion at the time, responded that it was SHE who had made that decision. She also alleged that Councillor Crist, while arguing with her blocked her way as she was trying to leave the office (containment). Subsequently she was encouraged by District Management to lay criminal charges against Councillor Crist.
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> The RCMP investigated the charges but after Councillor Crist offered to take a lie detector test regarding the allegations of containment, the RCMP took no further action. This was the extent of the incident.
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> Notwithstanding, Mayor Bell hired a lawyer, at the expense of the District taxpayers, who concluded that Councillor Crist acted inappropriately in raising his voice during the incident. Councillor Crist neither yelled nor used inappropriate language but acknowledged that he may have raised his voice when asking "who are you to tell me that I may not see the agenda". Councillor Crist, in acknowledging that he may have raised his voice, subsequently apologized. The incident was minor by any reasonable standard. Still Councillor Crist was censured and was deprived of being Acting Mayor as well as being deprived of accessing the Clerk's Department. Councillor Crist was not provided with an opportunity for legal defense.
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> It was Councillor Crist's assumption that following the 2002 municipal election the incident would be closed. However, following the Municipal election in the Fall of 2002, Councillor Crist was accused by the Mayor, with the help of the newly elected Councillors, of having divulged information about Northlands to the press and was again censured and prevented from accessing the Clerk's Department. Councillor Crist acknowledged this fact and justified the action after it had become clear that the Mayor, with the assistance of the newly elected Councillors, was determined to sweep the Northlands incident under the rug.
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> It was, as Councillor Crist stated at the time, an extreme case which left him no choice other than to divulge the information to the press. It was, in fact, an act of self defense in the interest of the public which he was sworn to uphold. Given the

circumstances, to deprive a member of Council of being Acting Mayor is clearly
unwarranted and can be nothing less than revenge, as indeed the Mayor had promised
following the election of 1999. It is an unjustified infringement on the right of a
Councillor to carry out his duties to the electorate and utterly humiliating. With this
in mind, I request that all discriminatory actions against me, including preventing me
from accessing the Clerk's Department and being Acting Mayor, be rescinded. >
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