

Subject: FW: NED City Council, No War on Iraq

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' WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND '

A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

Below is a letter from Mrs. Diana Jewell in the District of North Vancouver. Mrs Jewell is a well known North Vancouver Peace Activist and Radio Host. The resolution was endorsed by Districty Council in a 6 to 1 vote with Councillor McKeon Homes voting against.

Ernie Crist

> I just received a letter from the PM's office in answer to my personal
> letter of why I thought Canada should not support the US in unilateral
> invasion of Iraq. It stated, "please know that Canadian policy
> towards Iraq continues to be motivated by our concerns about Iraq's
> weapons of mass destruction and the humanitarian situation of the
> Iraqi people".
> Why I support the resolution put forth by Councilor Crist
> The day of the State of the Union speech, Robert Novak on CNN's
> Crossfire stated that it was not about weapons of mass destruction,
> but about "regime change", which is politically correct for "invasion
> and overthrow". Months earlier, Richard Perle stated that the US
> would go in to Iraq, no matter what the inspection team found.
> Since the world community is becoming more and more against
> "pre-emptive strike", which is a total contravention of the rules of
> the UN, why would Canada support such an enterprise? There might be
> future implications of war crimes, which Canada would not want to be a
> part of.
> As for the PM's concern about the people of Iraq, recent TV news shows
> from the US have shown the massive first and second day invasion
> strikes involving more bombs than the whole previous Iraq invasion on
> Baghdad which, it would seem, would totally destroy the infrastructure
> and people of Baghdad. This is on top of the half-million Iraqi
> children who have died already as a result of the sanctions.
> Any way you look at it, Canada should stay out of supporting such
> ill-conceived actions as the US is contemplating. As it has been
> transpiring, cut-backs on necessary services have fallen very hard on
> municipalities across Canada, and any more resources put to this
> foolhardy enterprise would be resources that the people of Canada at
> the city level would not be able to receive. For all of these
> reasons, please vote for this resolution and put the District of North
> Vancouver, our neighbourhood, on the side of international law and
> order!
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