

Subject: Legal Fees**Date:** Tue, 14 Oct 2003 15:35:15 -0700**From:** "Ernie Crist" <ernie_crist@dnv.org>**To:** "FONVCA (E-mail)" <fonvca@fonvca.org>, <cagebc@yahoo.com>**CC:** <johnhunter@telus.net>

A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

In response to my motion of July 28, 2003, I have now received a breakdown of the legal expenses of the District since 1999.

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| 1999 | Total | \$ 354,543, |
| 2000 | | \$ 427,990, |
| 2001 | | \$ 352,360, |
| 2002 | | \$ 381,882, |
| 2003 Jan-June | | \$ 253,392, |

In light of the Northlands and Canlan scandals I expect the total legal expenditures for 2003 to be in the neighborhood of \$ 700,000.

I recall when the legal fees in the District were in the neighborhood of \$ 50,000, a year. I also recall the Council debate when the legal fees surpassed \$ 200,000, per annum and when it was stated that an amount over and above \$ 200,000 warrants an in house lawyer.

However, when I made a motion to that effect in 2000 it was defeated by the Council at the recommendation of Mayor Bell and Staff. I also recommended that the legal Services go to tender - this too was nixed by Council at the request of the Mayor and Staff.

Ernie Crist.

