

**Subject: [Fwd: Re: Staff function.]**

**Date:** Wed, 30 Apr 2003 17:11:56 -0700

**From:** Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>

**To:** Corrie Kost <kost@triumf.ca>

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**Subject: RE: Staff function.**

**Date:** Wed, 30 Apr 2003 17:06:56 -0700

**From:** Ernie Crist <ernie\_crist@dnv.org>

**To:** Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>

Ernie Crist wrote:

>Ms Mitchell:

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>This is in response to your request to confirm my attendance at an event honoring some of our long serving staff. As has been the custom, this event includes taking a group photograph which also includes members of District Council. I will attend the awards part of the evening but I will not be part of any photographs.

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>I have been the victim of harassment by both members of senior staff and Council for several years now. This harassment commenced following a previous municipal election when I supported a Mayoralty candidate other than Don Bell. After the election results had been tabulated Mayor Don Bell announced that "we will now put Crist in his place". He commenced a campaign of harassment including preventing me from entering the Clerk's department and being deprived of being Acting Mayor based on what clearly were politically motivated alleged charges that have never been proven. Unfortunately some Senior Staff have been part and parcel of this witch hunt.

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>However, following the recent municipal election, when the Mayor was "surprised" that I was re-elected with the second highest vote, it had been my understanding that the matter was closed. I thought maybe the Mayor had come to his senses and would end his vindictive campaign. I had written a note to the Mayor to confirm this but I received no reply. However, during a recent visit to the District Hall, the Clerk took exception to my presence behind the counter of the Clerk's Department and informed me that the ruling still stands.

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>Under the circumstances and notwithstanding my respect for the staff receiving awards for their long services, I will not be part of this group photograph which would also include members of Council including Mayor Bell.

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>Ernie Crist

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