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> From: Ernie Crist
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 > To: Mayor and Council - DNV
 > Cc: Directors Team
 > Subject:

> A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST.

> I blame Mayor Don Bell for the recent personal attack by Councillor Lisa Muri against me. To begin with, he should have stopped her instantly instead of letting her continue at length. His "pleas" to her to stop appeared neither sincere nor resolute. Also, when I objected to her vicious diatribe, instead of supporting me he turned on me making it appear that it was my objection which was the reason for the disturbance. This is the tactic the Mayor is using all the time.

> When a similar provocation occurred In Camera recently he demanded an apology from me for objecting to it rather than from the Councillor causing the provocation. But he went one step further and forced staff to put this outrageous fabrication into the minutes. This is how Mayor Don Bell operates. It is HE, who with his hostility and constant witch hunting ("we will put Crist in his place") has created the atmosphere which make provocations of the "Muri" kind not only likely but virtually inevitable. Some staff simply take advantage of this situation. As for Councillor Muri she clearly expects to make brownie points and get awards for it.

> There are two ways in which a political leader survives - one is by providing strong leadership and dealing with issues head on. In such a case the process is well served and the community benefits. Mayor Bell's method of political survival on the other hand appears to be survival by creating dissension, manipulation of procedure and by engaging in witch hunting to divert attention from the real issues.

> By way of example you may remember the "theft of time and theft of District property incident" at the District Works Yard. I reported this on several occasions both In Camera and finally in public long before the RCMP was called in and long before the KPMG report confirmed the horrendous incompetence and mismanagement in the District. But when I pointed this out the Mayor accused me in public of being anti staff. The community has paid dearly.

> The District Heritage Fund?
 > The District Infrastructure Reserve Funds?
 > The first Seymour plan?
 > The Maplewood Plan and Nexen?
 > The Lynn Valley Box Stores?
 > The Lynn Valley Pedestrian Oriented Town Center?
 > The Lynn Valley Town Centre and Library?
 > District taxes?
 > The KPMG report?
 > Theft of time and theft of District property.
 > The VAT report?
 > Northlands?
 > Canlan?
 > Council expenses?
 > Senior staff expenses?
 > The Waterfront Task Force report?
 > Public access to the waterfront?
 > Port of Vancouver Waterfront offer?
 > Regional Transportation?
 > Monster houses?
 > DVP's, and neighborhood plans?

