

Subject: Budget Philosophy

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Your Worship & Members of Council,

It has been asserted that budget reforms cannot be undertaken unless the District has completed a "Strategic Planning Process". The term "Strategic Planning" has however not been adequately defined. It thus appears that budget reforms (which in my opinion are desperately needed in the District) are being arbitrarily and unnecessarily delayed. In addition, I believe that the District already has in place the major components of such a Strategic Plan. One need only examine the council commissioned Harris Hudema report. It is readily available at the District web site at <http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/eds/> or <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=438&c=161> In particular, council should recall the section on Strategic Directions in <http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/eds/VII.PDF>

Council may also wish to recall the all day Workshop held at the Holiday Inn on Feb 1/2001. On that Feb1/2001 meeting, Council held a Strategic Planning workshop (see http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/council_reports/214983a.pdf) to develop strategic directions for the municipality which support the overall five-year vision earlier agreed to (see http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/council_reports/214983.pdf)

That same year Price-WaterHouse-Coopers held an extensive review of the Planning Process. Their terms of reference are nicely described at <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2001/pwc-terms-of-reference.htm>

Also, on Feb 26/2001 Council considered the Feb 15/2001 report of Corporate Services regarding the District Strategic Plan. Council subsequently passed the following resolution:

"That

1. The Strategic Directions for the District, established at the Feb 1/2001 workshop be approved in principle
2. the Strategic Directions be referred for public input as noted in this report; and
3. the comments and suggestions from the community be returned to Council in April for final review and approval of the Strategic Plan"

So Council, what are we waiting for?

Yours truly,

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