

**Subject: FW:****Date:** Mon, 21 Jul 2003 15:33:12 -0700**From:** "Ernie Crist" <ernie\_crist@dnv.org>**To:** "FONVCA (E-mail)" <fonvca@fonvca.org>, <cagebc@yahoo.com>

&gt; -----Original Message-----

> From: Ernie Crist  
> Sent: Monday, July 21, 2003 3:32 PM  
> To: Nathalie Valdes  
> Subject:

&gt; Motion - Report Councillor Crist -

> That staff be requested to provide an update report including any relevant  
correspondence on the Motion passed by Council on June 16-2003 that> 1) Mr. David Highhfield, Area Assessor of the BC Assessment Authority and /or Mr. Jim  
McClure, also of BC Assessment, be invited to appear as a delegation before Council to  
clarify certain aspects of BC Assessment Policies as they apply to the District of North  
Vancouver.


&gt; 2) clarification of the following issues should also be included:

&gt; perceived discrepancy of assessments of properties of equal value;

> apparent discrimination of assessments of properties of average or lower value, as  
opposed to properties with higher than average value;> cost recovery from District residents for BC Assessment Authority regarding their cost  
recovery from District residents for BC Assessment levies and expenses for the North  
Shore and Squamish Valley for the Years 2002 and 2003> possible use of the District Municipal Hall to hold Assessment Appeal Board Hearings  
for purposes of cost savings for BC Assessments and for the convenience of District  
taxpayers;> steps BC Assessment might take to compensate District taxpayers, whose assessments  
incorrectly included an allowance of the GST upon the purchase of a new home in the  
District> the implications for the District due to the findings of the Honorable B.C. Supreme  
Court Justice Lowry, in connection with the case of Mr. Wedley, a resident of West  
Vancouver, who brought forward his concerns regarding the existing policies of the BC  
Assessment Authorities whereby purchasers of new properties pay the contractor and /or  
the developer GST

&gt; Rationale:

> The motion pertaining to the above issue was adopted by Council on June 16-2003 but no  
further action has been indicated since. This includes any kind of pertinent  
correspondence between the relevant parties which would indicate some kind of action and  
or progress on the matter. The result is that Council is in the dark as to what if  
anything has transpired pertaining to this very important issue which is of considerable  
concern to a growing number of people in the District.> Clarification and/or an update report is and/or should be entirely within normal  
expectations and business practices.

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