

Subject: Rising under a point of privilege as per Council Procedure Bylaw.

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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

At tonight's Council meeting under a point of privilege I made the following statement. Mayor Bell attempted to stop me but without success.

P O I N T O F P R I V I L E G E - Statement by Councillor Crist

MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

IN FEBRUARY OF 2003 I WAS CENSURED BY THIS COUNCIL FOR DIVULGING INFORMATION TO THE PRESS CONCERNING THE NORTHLANDS SCANDAL. I HAVE NEVER DENIED THIS FACT. GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND AS I UNDERSTAND MY RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PUBLIC I COULD DO NOT DO OTHERWISE.

However, during the Council meeting on July 14 of this year and in my absence Mayor Bell stated in public that the sanctions imposed on Councillor Crist by Council in February of 2003 were the result of an alleged incident involving a junior clerk in 2001.

This statement is erroneous.

According to the Council minutes I was censured by this Council in February 2003 not for an alleged incident in 2001 as claimed by the Mayor but for divulging information to the press in connection with the Northlands Scandal in 2003.

The statement is therefore erroneous and I request that Mayor Bell set the record straight and that he do so in public.

