

Subject: RE: Purchase of Waterfront Land

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Dear Mrs. Bragg:

As you know by now, the Council of the District of North Vancouver refused the offer to purchase the valuable property at 2708 Panorama Drive. The offer to the District was at the owners original purchasing price.

As you pointed out in your e-mail, the acquisition of this property, would be an important step in realizing the long term objectives outlined in the recommendations of the District Waterfront Task Force. These recommendations were produced by the most civic conscious elements in the District. They expressed a progressive vision for the District's Waterfront, including its control by the public, including the elimination of the ugly structures along the foreshore.

While I am not at liberty to attach names to the rationales expressed by individual Council members, I can tell you that most of the opinions expressed were nothing more than regurgitated excuses of the erstwhile anti social CCA. It has once again become clear that the CCA mentality is still very much in control of District affairs. In one sense you can count yourself fortunate that you were spared the pain of having to listen to the elected CCA mouthpieces holding forth.

You may be aware that I indicated that I may not run in the next civic election. However, the reactionary posture of this Council may well force me to rethink my stance. I would urge you to prepare yourself and your supporters for the next election.

Ernie Crist

-----Original Message-----

From: Maureen Bragg [<mailto:m.bragg@shaw.ca>]

Sent: Monday, July 28, 2003 1:11 PM

To: Don Bell2; Ernie Crist; Janice Harris; Maureen McKeon Holmes; Lisa Muri; Alan Nixon; Richard Walton

Cc: Richard Zerr; Irwin Torry; Don Sigston

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Dear Mayor and Council it has been brought to the attention of Save Our Shores that 2708 Panorama Drive has been offered to the District at assessed value. We support the purchase of this valuable piece of Waterfront 100%. Combined with the street end we already have it would make a lovely mini Waterfront Park that would benefit the entire community in more ways than one. It would give them an asset in land. The purchase of the land that is up for sale combined with the publicly owned street end would increase the value of the land considerably. It would also open up green space and an ocean view to pedestrians, enhancing the beauty of the street and providing a spot for the people of the community to rest and soak up the ambience of the always interesting Waterfront. Everyone can enjoy this spot and it would be a real gift to the community.

We are also very much aware of the sale of the Northlands lots which must have brought more money than originally planned due to the existing active real estate market. Purchases on the North Shore have been selling well above assessed value and in many cases market value which is usually higher than assessed value, anyway. Could some of the money made on these sales be used to put towards the purchase of this piece of Waterfront. Opportunity only knocks once and this is a golden opportunity to improve our Waterfront.

Land is an asset. Once we have used it all up we cannot manufacture any more. We urge you

to consider this purchase very seriously for the good of the community as a whole.

Sincerely Maureen Bragg
Vice President and Spokesperson for Save Our Shores.

