

Subject: Mayor Bell violates District procedure Bylaw

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Once again Mayor Bell of the District has attempted to violate the District's own procedure Bylaw which he is sworn to uphold.

On Tuesday, Sept 2, at the beginning of the Regular Council meeting Councillor Crist rose on a point of privilege only to be interrupted by the Mayor, attempting to prevent the Councillor from speaking. Under Council procedure any member of Council may rise under a point of privilege.

The issue came about when at a previous regular Council meeting, Mayor Bell, in the absence of Councillor Crist, made the statement that Councillor Crist had been censured by Council in February 2003 for an alleged incident which took place in 2001.

This could not be however, since Councillor Crist, upon the election of a new Council in November 2002, had been appointed Acting Mayor for the months of January and February, 2003. Councillor Crist was not censured by Council in February 2003 for an alleged previous incident, as claimed by Mayor Bell, but, according to Council Minutes, for his divulging the Northlands scandal to the press. Councillor Crist has now demanded that the Mayor retract this erroneous statement in public.

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