

Subject: [Fwd: Re: A Motion to make a cash contribution to ICCA to offset the Centennial Theater charges for the benefit concert for the Bam earthquake victims.]

Date: Tue, 30 Dec 2003 21:16:17 -0800

From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>

To: Corrie Kost <kost@triumf.ca>

Subject: RE: A Motion to make a cash contribution to ICCA to offset the Centennial Theater charges for the benefit concert for the Bam earthquake victims.

Date: Tue, 30 Dec 2003 18:17:03 -0800

From: Mayor Bell <mayorbell@dnv.org>

To: Ernie Crist <ernie_crist@dnv.org>, Mayor and Council - DNV <Council@dnv.org>, Senior Management Committee <managecomm@dnv.org>, Shana Burrows <Shana_Burrows@dnv.org>, James Ridge <James_Ridge@dnv.org>

CC: "FONVCA (E-mail)" <fonvca@fonvca.org>, Cagebc@yahoo.com, icca-director@shaw.ca

Councillor Crist,

I congratulate you on your interest in the upcoming Pari Zangeneh Concert and the possibility of the three North Shore Councils agreeing to offset the Centennial Theatre rental fees as a way of showing support for the relief efforts for victims of the earthquake in Iran.

I am disappointed however, that the main thrust of your response to my memo yesterday to Council asking if they would support such a proposal, seems to focus more on your desire to be recognized "first" as responding to an e-mail we both received over the weekend. This is not a matter of who was "first", Councillor Crist, but that the appropriate information about the situation be gathered "first", and then possible options be presented to Council for their consideration. It appears we both came to the conclusion that reducing or eliminating the theatre rental fee would be one possible and appropriate way of showing support for the relief effort. The difference between our respective follow-up, Councillor Crist, is that as Mayor and CEO, I attempted to gather the required background information to make a decision, contacted the other two Mayors to determine their interest, contacted the representative from the Iranian Canadian Cultural Association and then sent out an e-mail to District Council members to solicit their opinion. I did further follow-up today and determined that the Centennial Theatre rental fee for this event is a basic \$1,947 plus \$1 per person attending renovation surcharge. If the concert sells out at 700 attendees, the total cost for the rental would be approximately \$2,647.00 This is some of the information I told the other two Mayors and District Councillors I would get back to them with today.

My initial inquiries, including my e-mail to District Councillors, were conducted in a discreet manner with respect for the nature of this issue. I am disappointed that you have chosen to circulate your response to my direct e-mail to Councillors only, to several non-related public groups (FONVCA & Cage BC), as well as the Iranian Canadian Cultural Association, before the topic was placed on a Council agenda. I think it is unfortunate that a sensitive and potentially emotional matter such as this apparently becomes a "political race to the swiftest" in your mind. Having said that, I would be happy to have you move the appropriate motion when this item comes before a future Council meeting.

Mayor Don Bell

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Ernie Crist

> Sent: December 29, 2003 11:45 PM

> To: Mayor and Council - DNV; Senior Management Committee; Shana Burrows; James Ridge

> Cc: FONVCA (E-mail); 'Cagebc@yahoo.com'; 'icca-Director@shaw.ca'

> Subject: FW: A Motion to make a cash contribution to ICCA to offset the Centennial Theater charges for the benefit concert for the Bam earthquake victims.

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> Dear Mayor Bell:

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> Congratulation Mayor Bell for responding at 7.51PM Dec. 29,2003 to the request of the

Iranian Community (ICCA) for assistance regarding the Bam catastrophe victims. The ICCA request was sent out on Dec. 28. I too was the recipient of this request which I received from the ICCA on Dec, 28,2003. As you can see (below) in line with this request, I immediately submitted a motion for Council's consideration to the Clerk yesterday, Sunday, Dec. 28 at 3.09 PM, one full day ahead of your initiative today Dec. 29, 2003.

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> I am happy that you acted with such speed and efficiency. However, since I submitted my motion one full day before you did, I must insist that for purposes of record my motion be printed on the regular agenda as soon as possible, but not later than Jan. 12,2003 since this will be 2 full weeks after my motion was submitted.

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> I should also make you aware that I sent a copy of my motion to the ICCA yesterday for their information. Needless to say Mayor Bell, that, notwithstanding any action Council takes for the benefit of the "Bam victims" I welcome this initiative. Indeed this is exactly what I had intended. >

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> Thank you for your help,

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> Yours truly,

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> Ernie Crist

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Ernie Crist

> Sent: December 28, 2003 3:09 PM

> To: Nathalie Valdes

> Cc: 'icca-director@shaw.ca'

> Subject: A Motion to make a cash contribution to ICCA to offset the Centennial Theater charges for the benefit concert for the Bam earthquake victims.

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> Notice of Motion - Report Councillor Crist;

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> That Council make a cash contribution to be covered from Council Reserve to offset one third of the cost charged by the Centennial Theater to the Iranian - Canadian Cultural Association (ICCA) for the Jan 17,2004 PARRY ZANGANEH's benefit concert for the victims of the recent devastating earthquake in the city of Bam in Iran, and further

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> that the Councils of the City of North Vancouver and the District of West Vancouver be invited to do likewise, with the result that, if agreed by both Councils, 100 % of the total fees charged by the Centennial Theater for this fund raising event would be covered by donations from the three North Shore Municipalities.

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> Rationale:

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> According to Press Reports the recent earthquake in Bam, Iran has literally leveled a city with up to 40,000 estimated casualties.

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> The large Iranian Community on the North Shore will organize a benefit concert at the Centennial Theater to raise funds for the victims of the Bam Earthquake.

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> While Municipalities may not make direct cash donations for such purposes, they may, however, forego charging fees for an event taking place at facilities within their jurisdiction that is, strictly speaking, a fund raising event. Since the Centennial Theater comes under the jurisdiction of the North Shore Recreation Commission, the money to cover the fees would have to be given to the Recreation Commission or the Centennial Theater directly.

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> An alternative would be for both the City and the District of North Vancouver to request the Recreation Commission to forego charging fees for this event. The Recreation Commission comes under the jurisdiction of both the City and the District of North Vancouver. However, this scenario would leave out West Vancouver, since West Vancouver is

not in any way connected with the Centennial Theater and/or the North Vancouver Recreation Commission.

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> However, since there is also a sizable Iranian Community in West Vancouver, the Council of West Vancouver may wish to also make a donation to cover the fees for this event. In lieu of this, the best solution may be to make a direct cash contribution from Council Reserve to the North Van Rec Commission to offset the cost for fees and ask West Vancouver to donate one third of such cost.

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