

Subject: RE: COUNCILLOR CRIST'S MOTION RE "CONFLICT OF INTEREST" FREE ANNUAL RECREATION COMMISSION PASSES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS.

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Dear Dr. Kost;

I trust that the answer to your question will be printed in today's "OUTLOOK". What is not spelled out will be left to the imagination of the reader, that is those who care. You may remember that I recently proposed reforming the Rec Commission, make it more accountable and more efficient. Understanding the reasons why this was turned down is also the key to understanding everything else pertaining to this issue.

I believe it would help you if you keep in mind that any action by this present District Council is determined by two factors. One, the political ambitions of one member of Council regardless of the consequences to the community including the "Recreation" situation and two, the fact that this member controls the others albeit each and every one on a different string. However, at the risk of sounding frivolous I should make you aware that coming up is the year of the monkey. For more information read the Chinese horoscope.

Thank you,

Ernie Crist.

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

From: Corrie Kost [<mailto:corrie@kost.ca>]

Sent: January 7, 2004 7:33 PM

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Subject: Re: COUNCILLOR CRIST'S MOTION RE "CONFLICT OF INTEREST" FREE ANNUAL RECREATION COMMISSION PASSES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS.

Dear Councillor Crist,

Having followed the issues of this debate (the essential one in my opinion being the possible conflict of interest - which requires more thought on my part) I have a couple of questions.

1. Who paid for the Lidstone opinions regarding this matter and why was a copy not forwarded to council at the same time as to the Rec. Commission?
2. Are not council remunerations supposed to cover the out-of-pocket expenses incurred when members attend functions relating to their duties?

As for getting yearly free passes...I think this goes far beyond the need to "evaluate" the relevant programs. Taxpayers should not have to subsidize those who are elected to office and their respective families.

Yours truly,

Corrie Kost

Ernie Crist wrote:

> A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

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> I recently submitted a motion on District Council regarding free annual passes which the North Vancouver Recreation Commission extends to elected officials who serve on the

Commission as appointed members of Council. The point of my motion was to seek a legal opinion as to whether members of Council, who have accepted such free passes for themselves and/or members of their families, are in a conflict of interest situation and should subsequently excuse themselves when Recreation Commission matters come before Council and/or whether they should forfeit the offer to receive free passes from the Commission.

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> The conflict of interest guidelines clearly state that no member of Council may accept any gift from any organization, corporation or individual but if they do, they must declare their conflict and excuse themselves when an item pertaining to such an organization or individual comes before Council. In the course of this debate, I informed Council that when I first got elected more then twenty years ago and when I served on the Commission I had myself accepted such a free pass.

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