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15 September 2003

Dear Clr. Crist:

In response to your indication that a suggested motion would be helpful, please see the one which follows hereunder. With respect to the "drumgate" issue, I will be contacting Mrs. Adams and Mr. Kerr to again discuss options and strategy.

It continues to be my firm belief that the Mayor dedicates far too large a percentage of his time to issues which (a) do not directly and immediately concern the District; (b) actually conflict with the interests of the District; (c) due to workload, prevent him from applying quality time to the affairs of the District; and/or (d) cause him to delegate to others that which he should attend to himself. This latter would be of particular concern should it be the case that he delegates items that are his own responsibility as an elected official, to a non-elected person or body.

Please feel free to modify the following however you see fit.....

WHEREAS approximately 6 years ago, Mayor Bell found his workload for the District of North Vancouver so onerous as to justify and request the appointment of an Executive Assistant; and,

WEHEREAS despite this, in the ensuing years, the Mayor has taken on an ever-increasing number of committee appointments - understood to reach a 2002 total of 20 or so; and,

WHEREAS the *best interests* of some of these committees - particularly those at GVRD and TransLink - often conflict with or, due to workload alone, prevent the Mayor from fulfilling his legal obligations to citizens of the District under Bill 31- viz. to:

- provide good government for the community - [failure to ensure legal agreements in place at Northlands 1997-2001]
- providing the works, services, facilities and other things that the local government considers are necessary or desirable for all or part of its community [e.g. failure to address the *Capilano drum gate* issue in a timely manner, and off-loading of responsibility for action onto GVWD]
- providing stewardship of the public assets of its community [e.g. failure to ensure preservation of Heritage Fund; theft of time and material in Parks and Engineering; and Northlands embezzlement and fraud];
- fostering the current and future economic, social and environmental well-being of its community [eg ratification of the RAV project, and acceptance of eComm directorship];

- AND WHEREAS citizens of the District were/are given no opportunity to evaluate candidates' positions on GVRD/TransLink issues or subsequent committee participation,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Staff provide a report to Council as follows:

1. The number of committee appointments Mayor Bell has accepted so far this year - to include those carried over from his last term;
2. The number of committees that are not 100% on direct District business - in other words, when he has his hat off;
3. The number of regular and 'extraordinary' meetings he would be expected to attend in a 12-month period, broken down as to "District" and "other";
4. A breakdown of the anticipated number of hours in attendance;
5. A breakdown of the additional earnings expected to be paid the Mayor in honoraria and expenses.
6. That Council review the Staff report with a view to rolling back as many as possible of the Mayor's outside appointments, so as to allow him more quality time to attend to the District matters which he was elected to perform.
7. That the Chief officer of

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this request.

Yours sincerely,

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