

Subject: Notice of Motion:

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Notice of Motion - Report Councillor Crist

That the Clerk of the District of North Vancouver Ms Agnes Hilsen be requested to provide a report to Council as to whether Councillor Muri's remarks, directed against Mr. Jeremy Dalton during his delegation appearance at the regular meeting of Council on Sept 8-2003 were in violation of the District procedure bylaw and/or the Council Ethics Bylaw.

Rationale:

Mr. Jeremy Dalton, a resident of the District of North Vancouver, appeared at a regular meeting of Council on Sept 8 as a delegation to address Council in connection with the censure of Councillor Crist for divulging information to the press regarding the alleged Northlands embezzlement scandal.

During Mr. Dalton's address, Councillor Muri interrupted Mr Dalton, which is contrary to the expected conduct of a Councillor, however, it was at the end of Mr Dalton's address and after the Mayor thanked Mr. Dalton for his appearance that Councillor Muir facing Mr. Dalton stated "You are Ill.

It would seem that such a remark by a Councillor is contrary to both the existing procedure and Code of Ethics Bylaw which was supported by Councillor Muri, Mayor Bell and Councillor Harris, when it was passed. In this particular case, the aside remarks by Councillor Muri, especially the remark "YOU ARE ILL" was not only in extremely poor taste but was also uncalled for and insulting. Mayor Bell did not interrupt Councillor Muri and/or challenge her to withdraw those remarks.

The Procedure Bylaw and the Code of Ethics Bylaw for Councillors only has merit if violations or transgressions by members of Council are challenged equally and without bias by the Mayor but this does not seem to be the case in the District of North Vancouver with Mayor Don Bell being in the chair. Indeed it must be noted that Mayor Bell himself interrupted Mr. Dalton during his presentation on at least one occasion thus contributing to an already charged atmosphere as might be expected in light of the circumstances surrounding the alleged Northlands embezzlement scandal.

I therefore request an official opinion either from the Clerk on the matter and/or an apology from Councillor Muri to Mr. Dalton regarding this incident.

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