

Subject: [Fwd: Re: Council meeting July 8,2003]
Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 12:33:09 -0700
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Subject: RE: Council meeting July 8,2003
Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2003 08:46:12 -0700
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Councilor Nixon;

Congratulations Councilor Nixon for getting such a quick response from the Clerk's Department in obtaining a transcript, incomplete as it is. You must have pull.

I do indeed NOT wish to carry on with this issue either - I know what happened. But for the record, the section from the transcript you are quoting from is taken out of context and takes on an interpretation that is in conflict with the purpose of the question and the spirit in which my question was put.

There was nothing wrong with asking whether, in this person's opinion, administrative efficiency and cost effectiveness in the North Shore Arts Arena might be improved if it were streamlined into one single body rather than into three different administrations, including the Recreation Commission whose function I thought was recreation. It was not I who, in this context, used the term "fractured" first. It may have escaped you but by stating that this is a political issue the person answered the question in exactly the manner I wished, thus serving its purpose. But for your interference, the matter would have been closed.

If the tone of this particular portion of the meeting took on an atmosphere not in keeping with its intent, then it was because of your poor, biased, servile, pedantic and school masterly injection and interference. I believe that, notwithstanding your experience, you would profit greatly if you were to study debates and meetings of a similar nature conducted in institutions, more mature and more professional than the District of North Vancouver. And no, I do not expect you to acknowledge your error much less apologize for your poor showing.

Ernie Crist.

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

From: Alan Nixon
Sent: Wednesday, July 09, 2003 5:41 PM
To: Ernie Crist; Mayor and Council - DNV; Senior Management Committee
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Subject: RE: Council meeting July 8,2003

Councillor Crist:

While reluctant to respond to your message for fear of attaching any credence to your remarks I will not tolerate, in silence, your

berating of me and my handling of the July 8th meeting.

Anyone with your vast experience in the political realm should have known that your "question", once posed, and I quote "My question to you, I find it, for instance by my very nature, I find it strange that for instance the Centennial Theatre should be controlled or administered by the Recreation Commission. It seems to me it would appear to me that it would be a natural thing to me it would be the Arts Council or the Arts Commission" was political in nature.

To pose such a question to Ms. Gram and Mr. Inglis who are both Municipal employees is, at the very least, unfair and, to quote Mr. Inglis himself, "That is a political question". These two individuals cannot possibly be expected to venture their opinions on such a matter without potentially prejudicing their respective roles in their organizations. They both serve at the pleasure of the municipalities. In your typical manner you would be inconsiderate of the position you were attempting to place them in.

As for your statement "Clearly he (Nixon) thought it was his job to protect the bureaucracy from such questions and throw his weight around at my expense.":

As a thinking individual, regardless of my status as Chair, I do see it as my job as a human being to protect individuals from such unfair practise and I will continue to do so. I did not throw my weight around Councillor Crist and indeed politely invited you to re-phrase your question in a way that Ms. Gram or Mr. Inglis might be able to answer. You, of course, erupted and took advantage of yet another opportunity to play the hapless martyr to democracy. A role, I would suggest, is wearing a bit thin.

Your assumption that I "believe that because democratic procedures in the District of North Vancouver are violated routinely" is incorrect and your insinuation that my actions of July 8th "safely violated" democratic procedures is, as usual, off-base.

As the record will show, we were having a good and productive meeting last night until your emotional withdrawal cast a pall on the proceedings. Notwithstanding, the participants gained from the exchange of information and views and by extension the citizens of the District.

Nixon. - no reply or apology required!