

Subject: Your e-mail re District Fire and Ambulance Services East of Seymour.

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Dear Mr. Sulina:

You may wish to avail yourself of the motion I made in connection with this issue. It stated simply that we congratulate the District Fire Department for arriving at the Rutherford residence within 17 minutes of being notified. No disparaging remarks were made against the BCAS or anyone else for that matter. Indeed they were not even mentioned. I appreciate of course that this is a complicated and sensitive issue.

I still believe, however, that there is room for improvement in the delivery of Ambulance Services especially East of Seymour. Hopefully this issue will now be addressed in a somewhat more serious fashion than it has until now. You may not be aware but I have raised this matter on several occasions on Cocunil but to no avail. Not once did anybody from the BCAS come forward and speak, express support, voice their concerns or indeed urge Council to assist in making changes nor enlist Council's help in bringing about such changes.

Your Union while now upset about the adverse publicity over this incident did absolutely nothing in enlisting Council's help. Even now you seem to point the finger at the Fire Department in anger when in my humble opinion you should unite to accomplish a bigger purpose. The Fire Department is not the enemy - status quo thinking and those who are satisfied with it as well as a government with false priorities is the enemy.

You will forgive me for being blunt but that this is how I see it.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

