

Subject: Request by Councillor Crist to add "Canlan" to the Council Agenda of Mar 3-2003.

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Ms Hilsen;

On Monday, Mar 3 -2003 I submitted a motion that "Don Bell provide a written explanation re his press statement that he urged Council to vote for "Canlan" while knowing that it was illegal to do so".

I requested that this item be added to the Mar 3 - 2003 agenda as an agenda addenda item. Subsequently I was informed by your staff that the item would have to be dealt with in Camera. I do not believe that a legal analysis would support your contention that this was indeed an In Camera Item. But regardless, it was not done in either form. That is to say my motion was neither presented as an agenda addenda item under the Regular Agenda nor was it presented at the In Camera meeting as a request to be added to the In Camera Agenda under agenda addenda). Instead, and contrary to procedure, the Mayor unilaterally announced (In Camera) that he had received an "e-mail" (wrong terminology) from Councillor Crist, and that he, the Mayor, would make a public announcement re "Canlan".

My concern is that none of this is evident in the In Camera Minutes. You may recall that I made a special point that this be done at the In Camera meeting on Mar - 3 so as to be part of the record.

In light of the history of what appears to be contempt and subjectivity concerning democratic procedure and process in the District, I am sure you appreciate my concern. This concern is shared by many citizens. The matter is of particular concern since both "Canlan" and "Northlands" to name but two examples, are extremely sensitive community issues and touch on the integrity of District Council. You will undoubtedly remember for instance the attempt to ignore the Nov 30 - 2002 motion by the outgoing Council re "Northlands". I would urge you to be extremely professional and not even give the appearance of being part of a conspiracy against the people.

In regards to the matter I have raised above, I would appreciate an explanation and an assurance that notwithstanding any possible political influence, you will strictly adhere to democratic procedure which appears to have been violated in regards to the above mentioned "Canlan" motion.

Thank you,

Ernie Crist

