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19 March 2003

RE: MATERIAL FOR INCLUSION IN COUNCIL PACKAGE

Dear Ms. Lamberts:

Clr. Crist has asked me to forward to you a copy of my letter of 1 January 2003 which was addressed to Mayor Barbara Sharp and Members of Council of the City of North Vancouver.

It would be much appreciated if you could include this in the package of material, as background to Clr. Crist's Notice of Motion following resident complaints re the Avalon Hotel.

City Clerk, Mr. Bruce Hawkshaw, acknowledged my letter with the advice that Council would be following up on the Abbotsford decision to see whether that municipality's remedy could be applied in North Vancouver. I have no knowledge as to where that exercise may have led Council of the City.

It is hoped that Mayor Bell and Council will find this reference useful during their deliberations on the Avalon matter.

Yours truly,

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Date: Wed, 1 Jan 2003 00:12:15 +0000 (GMT)

From: Elizabeth James

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To: "Mayor Barbara Sharp, Members of Council"

Dear Mayor Sharp and Members of Council:

As you are more than aware, Council and residents of the City spent a good deal of time in 2002, in discussion of the problems encountered as a result of the Red Door operation on Lonsdale Avenue.

During those discussions, the premise appears to have been accepted, by both the operator and Council, that the Red Door could not be held responsible for the behaviour of its patrons once they left the Red Door. This has continued to be so despite the fact that the RCMP and Council have received numerous complaints and letters of petition from residents of the area about the serious fights,

noise and other disturbances. This has been of serious concern to residents of the Q building.

Could Council explain how it is, therefore, that the City of Abbotsford has been able - just this week - to pull the business licence of the Luxor Night Club and, effectively, shut the business down for a period of six months? Abbotsford Council took this action as a result of a stabbing and fight by patrons outside the Club.

During the announcement of the Abbotsford decision, it was specifically stated that the Club had a "duty of care" relating to its customers. In other words, that Club **can** be held responsible for the behaviour of its patrons **after** they leave the premises. Why the double standard? Is there no possibility that NV City Council could take similar action?

To cap off this discussion, on today's [New Year's Eve] CKNW news, listeners and potential party hosts "including bars" were given a warning that they, too, have a duty of care when serving alcohol to their guests. This was done on behalf of police in the Lower Mainland.

Personally, I find this both confusing and frustrating, and I'm sure residents in the immediate area around the Red Door would very much appreciate it if Council could do some more research on this issue, in an effort to find a more satisfactory solution.

In closing, I would like to wish all members of Council and Staff much success in a very Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

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