
Subject: RE: Property Assessments and Home Owners Grant

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To: Greg Ambrozic

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Dear Mr. Ambrozic:

District Council has supported my motion in line with your concerns and the message will be conveyed to the Provincial Government. The matter will also be raised at the UBCM convention as well as the GVRD level where similar support is anticipated.

You may also wish to support the separate efforts of the Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations FONVCA. The person to call is Dr. Corrie Kost at 604-988-6615. Rest assured that I will do everything in my power to pursue this issue.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention

Your truly,

Ernie Crist

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From: Greg Ambrozic [

Sent: January 16, 2004 4:45 PM

To: Ernie Crist

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I would like to voice my support to you for your efforts to raise the threshold level for receiving the Home Owners Grant. My wife and I bought a house in the Pemberton Heights area this past summer and we are one of the many unfortunate residents that lost our entire home owner's grants this past year.

Additionally, Translinks plan to tax \$20 per \$100,000 of assessed value has the potential to further unfairly target the residents of the North Shore. This is also on top of the two-zone fare and according to an article in today's Vancouver Sun users of the Seabus have the lowest amount of fare cheats.

We are not opposed to paying property tax, in fact the proper use of tax dollars has been instrumental in making North Vancouver such a livable community. My wife and I are expecting our first child in February and look forward to bringing raising it in this community. However, one cannot "punish" a community due to this livability. The loss of the home owners grant and Translinks plan do just that and my biggest fear is that people will begin to move away for the North Shore to the ultimate detriment of the community.

Please continue to represent our case at the Provincial level and let me know what more can be done.

Greg Ambrozic