Subject: FW: Response to letter from Mr. and Mrs. ....
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Ernie Crist
> Sent: January 28, 2004 8:11 PM
> To: Nathalie Valdes
> Subject: Response to letter from Mr. and Mrs.
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> Dear Mr. and Mrs....
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> Technically speaking the increase in the assessment residential properties should not
affect your taxes since the District will simply adjust the residential mill rate
accordingly. However, in practice it does not necessarily work out that way since not
all properties are equally affected by the increase in the assessments and since the tax
rate is based on the assessment, quite often it effects some people more adversely than
others. There is of course also the perennial municipal tax increase which this year
will be in the neighborhood of 4.5%. This does not include indirect increaes, which will
push the final tax increase considerably higher.
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> I will not support the budged for the simple reason that at a time when we cannot
afford many desirable things for lack of money and at a time when we should keep taxes
down, we continue to subsidize the City of North Vancouver without rhyme or reason via
the Shared Services Agreement we have with them.
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> In addition, District Council has consistently refused to re organize the Recreation
Commission along the Parkgate model as I suggested and which would save the District
taxpayers millions of dollars annually without, in any way, reducing the level of service
or the cost to the users. These are political issues however, and unless the people in
the District speak out, nothing will change, indeed the local press is partly to blame
for this, for not informing the public about such crucial issues.
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> Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention.
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> Yours truly,
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> Ernie Crist.

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