

Subject: [Fwd: Lynn Valley Library, item 3 regular Agenda, Dec. 20,2004.]

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Mayor and Council;

I see from a recent email dated Dec. 17 from Mayor Harris to Councillor Cuthbert, that speakers on item 3 of the Dec. 20 Agenda (Lynn Valley Library) will be allowed 5 minutes each.

This is not only contrary to established practice but, in my opinion, is also inadvisable. If the matter is of such importance and it may well be, then the Mayor should set a separate evening and/or meeting aside so this item may be dealt with in public and without the normal time constraints of a regular meeting of Council.

To give each and every person 5 minutes each to speak on the Library and do so at a regular Council meeting when we have already difficulties getting through our regular agenda will create even more difficulties.

I suggest that we follow the existing rule of 2 minutes each per speaker for 30 minutes and allow an additional two speakers 5 minutes each (two main opposite views) for a total public input period of 40 minutes at the beginning of the meeting. As an alternative to this scenario I suggest two 5 minute delegations as part of the public input period of 40 minutes total.

I further suggest that item 3 be moved forward and be dealt with as item ONE immediately following the public input period. As an alternative to this scenario I suggest a separate public meeting on the Library issue early in the new year.

If we allow 5 minutes each per speaker on the Library, we may be there for hours just on the Library issue alone. I think Mayor Harris' suggestion is ill advised and will certainly create confusion if not chaos.

Ernie Crist