

Subject: FW:**Date:** Thu, 14 Oct 2004 09:16:01 -0700**From:** "Ernie Crist" <ernie_crist@dnv.org>**To:** "FONVCA \ (E-mail)" <fonvca@fonvca.org>, <Cagebc@yahoo.com>, <roger@millarsleague.com>, <sonbel@shaw.ca>, <jimcuthbert@telus.net>, <cdorais@telus.net>, <joangadsby@pacificcoast.net>, <glennhenderson@telus.net>, <robinhicks@telus.net>, <doughill@hotmail.com>**CC:** <mbr41@telus.net>, <macdunn@universe.com>

Dear Sir/Madam;

The motion below touches on one of the most serious issues facing a community - freedom of expression and the freedom to criticize government from within without being subjected to harassment for doing so. The District of North Vancouver has been beset by extremely serious shortcomings and scandals. This was especially true under the Bell administration of which the "Northlands" scandal was but one example. In the absence of evidence I was accused of harassing staff and subjected to censure and subsequent harassment without having access to any form of natural justice.

The motion below is self explanatory. I am asking for your support. The motion will be introduced by the Clerk at the end of the Council meeting this coming Monday Oct 18, 2004. I am asking that you speak in support of my motion. The opportunity to do so will be provided during the 30 minute public input period when you have an opportunity to address Council for 2 minutes.

What is at stake is the right of your duly elected representative to criticize without suffering undue punishment for doing so. If you are a candidate for the upcoming election I am asking you to fax to me your stand on this matter. Your response will be conveyed to my own circle of supporters.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Ernie Crist

> Sent: October 14, 2004 8:19 AM

> To: Agnes Hilsen

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> NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR CRIST

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> Whereas Councillor Crist was censured by a previous Council in the absence of any measure of natural justice and

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> Whereas the allegations against Councillor Crist were never proven in a court of law and

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> Whereas all evidence strongly suggests that the allegations against Councillor Crist were the result of subjective, personal and politically motivated bias and must therefore be construed as an attempt to stifle his criticism of the District's performance and operations, which falls under his constitutional and democratic mandate and

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> Whereas the District has been beset by serious shortcomings and scandals under Don Bell's administration, including "Northlands" and

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> Whereas, in the absence of proof of the allegations, continued censure against Councillor Crist constitutes harassment of an elected official impeding his ability to carry out his responsibilities to the electors and

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> Whereas this also constitutes a violation of the "positive workplace policy" in effect for staff but denied to elected officials on the advice of District staff who enjoy the protection of this same "positive workplace policy" and
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> Whereas the legal proceedings against Councillor Crist have been nonproductive, subjective, unnecessary and, above everything else, have resulted in unjustified expenses for the taxpayers of the District
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> Therefore be it resolved that all forms of censure against Councillor Crist be terminated effective immediately.
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