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PRESS RELEASE - A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILLOR ERNIE CRIST;

In an effort to save Canada's beleaguered health care system, promote public health and reduce the cost of medical expenses in Canada and in British Columbia, Councilor Ernie Crist of the District of North Vancouver submitted the following motion to North Vancouver District Council,

That Mayor Don Bell of the District of North Vancouver send a letter to the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premier of British Columbia, Gordon Campbell, requesting that fees to bona fide PUBLIC AND PRIVATE recreation facilities be tax deductible as is the case in Europe.

The resolution further stated that:

Whereas 40% of all Doctor visits in Canada, and in British Columbia are the result of stress related symptoms and

Whereas it is universally recognized that regular exercising, especially exercising under professional supervision, is the most effective guarantee to reduce stress levels and keep fit and

Whereas in many parts of Canada, especially in urban areas, both public and private recreation facilities have trained personnel and

Whereas doctor prescribed visits to such recreation facilities are far more effective in terms of both health benefits and cost effectiveness than prescribing medicine for stress related symptoms and


Whereas for every dollar spent on tax exemptions, governments save a minimum of seven dollars in actual medical and health care expenses, therefore be it resolved

That the following motion by Councillor Crist be endorsed and that Mayor Bell of the District of North Vancouver send an appropriate letter to the Prime Minister of Canada and to the Premier of British Columbia, Gordon Campbell, as well as the Ministers Of Health in Ottawa and Victoria, British Columbia, requesting government action to that effect.

However, Councillor Crist's Motion was defeated on the advice of Mayor Don Bell, now a Liberal Candidate for the North Vancouver riding for the upcoming Federal Election to be held on June 28,2004.

P.S. As a result of Mayor Bell's initiative whereby a member of Council (read Crist) may not submit and explain a motion to the public unless it has been seconded by another member of Council first and as there was no seconder on the advice of Mayor Don Bell, Councillor Crist was unable to introduce and explain his motion to the public and the motion was subsequently lost.

Ernie Crist, Councillor,
District of North Vancouver.

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