

Subject: [Fwd: Re: Request for information:]

Date: Mon, 28 Jun 2004 14:40:33 -0700

From: Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>

To: Corrie Kost <kost@triumf.ca>

Subject: RE: Request for information:

Date: Mon, 28 Jun 2004 10:29:30 -0700

From: James Ridge <James_Ridge@dnv.org>

To: Ernie Crist <ernie_crist@dnv.org>, Maureen Jones <Maureen_Jones@dnv.org>

CC: Mayor and Council - DNV <Council@dnv.org>, Senior Management Committee <managecomm@dnv.org>, "FONVCA (E-mail)" <fonvca@fonvca.org>, Cagebc@yahoo.com

Councillor Crist,

The process you must follow is not 'bureaucratic harassment'. It is the law.

Mail, e-mail and phone calls to members of Council are not automatically public records. We are required to assume that the writer intends them to be read only by the person to whom they are addressed, and we are required under privacy legislation to protect them accordingly. Letters you receive from individual members of the public are private correspondence between that member of the public and you, as are letters from the public to the Mayor.

Therefore the proper route is to make an FOI request for the letters. If you make a request, and there are such letters, the FOI staff will black out the names of the senders and any other identifiable individuals as required under legislation and provide them to you.

Phone call-back notes are considered 'Transitory Records' under legislation and are not retained. Like most people, I throw mine out as soon as I have returned the call. Similarly the names of callers, and the subject matter of those calls, are protected by privacy legislation. Unless a caller gives explicit permission that their identity and the nature of the call can be disseminated publicly, we must assume the call is intended for the recipient only.

James Ridge
CAO

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

> From: Ernie Crist

> Sent: Saturday, June 26, 2004 12:52 AM

> To: Maureen Jones

> Cc: James Ridge; Mayor and Council - DNV; Senior Management Committee; FONVCA (E-mail); 'Cagebc@yahoo.com'

> Subject: RE: Request for information:

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> Ms Jones:

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> I have evidence that at least one and possibly more than one citizen has phoned the Mayor's office to protest against the ongoing harassment against me by District Council. Since you are the Mayor's Secretary, I must assume that you have knowledge of such incoming protests and or messages and that you have kept a record.

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> You may recall that I requested that you provide me with the name or names of any such person and/or message to that effect. I believe that my request is reasonable and that I am entitled to receive this information without being subjected to bureaucratic harassment. Subsequently I find it extremely disconcerting that I should have to make a request to receive this information through the FOI officer as you have suggested in response to my request.

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> I request again that you provide me with a list of names of persons who have left a

message to that effect in the Mayor's office.

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> Thank you.

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> Ernie Crist

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> cc Councillor Crist's private lists.

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

> From: Maureen Jones

> Sent: May 26, 2004 2:02 PM

> To: Ernie Crist

> Cc: Mayor and Council - DNV; James Ridge; Agnes Hilsen

> Subject: Request for information:

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> Councillor Crist,

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> If you are referring to letters addressed to Mayor and Council, please check the
electronic information package. If you are referring to letters specifically addressed
to the Mayor, please make a request for information through our FOI officer, Ms Angila
Bains. She can be reached at 604 990-2495.

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> Thanks,

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> Maureen Jones

> Secretary to Mayor Bell

> Phone: 604-990-2208

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