

Subject: RE: Reports on Relevant Issues from UBCM

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Dear Mr. Platts:

The UBCM is but the collective voice of BC Municipalities. The resolutions it passes are the result of individual efforts of Municipalities in submitting resolutions. The District of North Vancouver used to be a leader in submitting resolutions. Indeed we used to have special public meetings to discuss such resolutions.

I believe it is fair to state that I did my fair share in this regard since I submitted more resolutions than the rest of Council put together. I enjoyed putting the District on the Map and provide leadership. But rather than be appreciative of the work I did, beginning with the election of CCA and NET endorsed District Councils plus the encouragement of the past and the present Mayor elect, Council denigrated these efforts on the basis that it created too much work for staff. Indeed, the present Mayor elect who has the least number of initiatives to her credit was the most hostile and the most critical of such initiatives. The charges of course were total nonsense but it does show the calibre of the people representing the District.

You may recall that they even decided that in order to have such resolutions passed on, I needed to have a seconder before I could even explain them to Council and the public, never mind passing them on to the UBCM or the FCM as should have been the case and let the Conventions decide whether such resolutions are of value or not. Needless to say such pettiness and ignorance did little to encourage me to continue especially since the community rather than coming to my defence was silent.

Especially loud in their objections were those members of council who did the least amount of work and/or were the least experienced.

Notwithstanding, I concur with your request that those members of Council who did attend the UBCM should report back. Indeed, members of Council who represent the District at the GVRD should also report back on a regular basis. The same is true for Council Committees. This too was the case before the CCA and NET endorsed Councils were elected.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

-----Original Message-----

From: Brian Platts [<mailto:bplatts@shaw.ca>]

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Cc: James Ridge; FONVCA

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Mayor & Council:

At the October meeting of the Federation of NV Community Associations, there was a discussion about the UBCM that took place in Kelowna and what, if any, resolutions were passed that are relevant to the District.

FONVCA therefore unanimously agreed that it would be helpful if those members of Council who attended the conference would submit a combined report to the Clerk for distribution, highlighting resolutions that have

some relevance for our municipality.

Sincerely,
Brian Platts

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