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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

Further to my previous press release on the question of COMPENSATION for car mileage for elected officials in the District of North Vancouver I noticed in the relevant Sun story today, August 21, that the amount Don Bell will have to pay back to the taxpayers of the District of North Vancouver, for unsubstantiated car allowance claims is \$ 2,304 whereas in my previous Press Release I had stated that the amount was \$ 2,700.

The news about this incident including the figure of \$2,700 came from a local Radio Station where it was first announced.

However, the real significance of this issue is that when I requested a copy of the Mayor's Log from District staff, I was refused. As an elected official I was entitled to this information. What is more, contrary to procedure, Don Bell, sent out his own press release regarding this incident and did so prior to giving copies to members of Council.

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