

Subject: FW: District Media Release

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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST;

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IT IS NOT AS SIMPLE AS JUST BLAMING THE LCLB OR THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE EDGEMONT VILLAGE LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENT FIASCO, AS DON BELL IS NOW TRYING TO DO, SAID COUNCILLOR ERNIE CRIST IN A PRESS RELEASE TODAY.

THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN CHANGING ITS POLICY MUST ACCEPT AT LEAST SOME RESPONSIBILITY. RATHER THAN GIVING MUNICIPALITIES MORE POWER, THE PROVINCE, HAS MADE A 180 DEGREE TURN FROM ITS ORIGINAL PROMISE TO GIVE MUNICIPALITIES A GREATER SAY ON ISSUES WITHIN MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES. THIS INCLUDED THE CONTROL OF LIQUOR SERVICE AND LIQUOR SALE ESTABLISHMENTS, SAID CRIST.

HOWEVER, THE DISTRICT HAD AMPLE WARNING TO USE ITS ZONING POWERS TO PREVENT WHAT HAS NOW BECOME A FACT, NAMELY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIQUOR SALES OUTLET IN AN AREA WHERE THE PEOPLE DON'T WANT IT. UNLIKE OTHER MUNICIPALITIES, THE DISTRICT WASTED WEEKS AND EVEN MONTHS, BEFORE FINALLY ACTING AND BY THAT TIME IT WAS TOO LATE, SAID CRIST.

IN MY OPINION, SAID CRIST, THE FIASCO, IS YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF A SERIOUS BREAKDOWN OF LEADERSHIP BY DON BELL WHO HAS BEEN FAILING IN HIS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MONTHS IF NOT YEARS, SAID THE VETERAN COUNCILLOR.

THE BOTTOM LINE, SAID CRIST, IS THAT THE DISTRICT HAS BEEN ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH AND THE RESIDENTS ARE STUCK WITH THE RESULTS. CRIST, WHO HAS ACCUSED THE MAYOR OF HARASSING HIM FOR EXPOSING SERIOUS SHORTCOMINGS IN THE PAST, INCLUDING NORTHLANDS AND CANLAN, SAID, HARASSING A COUNCILLOR IN AN EFFORT TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THE REAL ISSUES WAS OBVIOUSLY EASIER THAN DOING A PROPER JOB AS MAYOR, HE SAID.

[Ernie Crist]

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

> From: Jeanine Bratina

> Sent: May 26, 2004 4:54 PM

> To: Mayor and Council - DNV; Senior Management Committee; Irwin Torry; Krysha Derbyshire; Donna Knifton; Daina Hibbard; Colleen Brow; 'crabold@cnv.org'; Anne Greenwell

> Subject: District Media Release

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> Good afternoon:

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> Attached for your information is a District Media Release "Edgemont Village liquor store receives pre-clearance approval despite District opposition", which was issued today.

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> Regards

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