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> Subject:

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> A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST;

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> Mayor Don Bell recently submitted a motion on District Council regarding the Edgemont Liquor License controversy in which he attempted to put the blame for the present fiasco onto the shoulders of the provincial government. This despite the fact that a number of elected officials including Councillor Ernie Crist, MLA Dan Jarvis and Ralph Sultan clearly demonstrated that the responsibility for this fiasco rests squarely with the District of North Vancouver FIRST AND FOREMOST WITH THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT.

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> Facts are stubborn things and already on April 14, 2003 Council passed the following resolution when it was "Moved by Councillor Crist and seconded by Councillor Nixon and carried that Bylaws 7443 and Bylaw 7444 be now read a first time and referred to public hearing and further whereas Council has introduced a bylaw to regulate the location of liquor stores, staff be directed to submit to Council any building permit or business license applications received after March 23, 2004, which staff considers in conflict with Bylaw 7444 for Council consideration of a resolution that the building permit or business license be withheld for 30 days pursuant to section 929 of the Local Government Act".

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> In response to proposed changes announced by the provincial Government for Liquor Licensing and control Mrs. Susan Stratis a District Community Planner, on March 13, 2003 submitted a report to Council in which she dealt with this issue and summarized the matter with the following statement

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> "FOR THESE REASONS, THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THIS REPORT IS TO FOLLOW OPTION 2, AND RESTRUCTURE THE RELEVANT PORTIONS OF THE ZONING BYLAWS REQUIREMENT TO REQUIRE ALL FUTURE LICENSEE RETAIL STORES TO HAVE SPECIFIC, NEW COMMERCIAL ZONING, RATHER THAN BEING ALLOWED OUTRIGHT IN EXISTING RETAIL ZONES. THIS APPROACH IS SIMILAR TO THEIR STEPS BEING TAKEN BY THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER. THE REZONING PROCESS WILL ALLOW FOR FULL PUBLIC INPUT ON ANY REQUESTED LIQUOR STORES AND WILL HELP DETERMINE PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE OVERALL ISSUE.

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> In light of the above statement, it is up to the residents of the District of North Vancouver to draw their own conclusions as to why this was not done in a fashion to prevent what has occurred.

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> THE QUESTION IS THIS ---- IF THE DISTRICT KNEW WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE AND NEEDED TO BE DONE QUICKLY, WHO INSTRUCTED STAFF TO HOLD OFF IN IMPLEMENTING THE NECESSARY STEPS TO PREVENT THIS SITUATION AND BY SO DOING GIVE THE APPLICANT SUFFICIENT TIME TO DO LEGALLY THAT WHICH HE HAS DONE?

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> Ernie Crist.

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