


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> Subject:           Municipal Byelection  
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> A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST  
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> The recent District of North Vancouver municipal by election to elect  
> a Mayor and one Councillor is a victory for the real estate and pro  
> development interests in North Vancouver. This is notwithstanding  
> that the sole Councillor who got elected is committed to community  
> driven development.  
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> The influence of the Mayor elect who is openly committed to infilling,  
> (read higher density) and the elimination of trees to make room for  
> more development, notwithstanding solemn declarations to the contrary,  
> and who has consistently voted against making publicly owned foreshore  
> land accessible to the public, as suggested in the Waterfront Task  
> Force Report, will be far stronger than the election of one new  
> Councillor committed to slow growth.  
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> The reason this Mayoralty candidate got elected is NOT because of CUPE  
> or Labour support and it is NOT because of Mountain Biker support,  
> although this helped. It is because the real estate, the advertising  
> and the pro development interests and their beneficiaries supported  
> her.  
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> And this is what the public should remember in the coming months as  
> the applications for increased densification, subdivision and more  
> development permits will increase.  
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> Nor should the people in the District hope to have their taxes  
> lowered. There will be attempts to make changes on the minuscule and  
> meaningless scale to confuse the public and the media, but big items  
> such as subsidizing the City on a grand scale and/or reorganising the  
> Rec Commission to save millions of dollars, as has been suggested,  
> will not come about.  
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> There will be additional pressures direct or indirect on the concept  
> of neighbourhood and community driven development. Trees will be saved  
> but only as long as they do not interfere with development. This has  
> been the case in the past and will be the case in the future. A  
> Leopard does not change his spots especially when it has been rewarded  
> at the polls. The only difference is that it will be more so in the  
> future.  
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> The upshot will be more traffic, more development in the name of  
> 'affordable housing' (leaky condos), more pollution, and more  
> congestion in North Vancouver District but fewer trees to absorb the  
> impact of more toxins in the air.  
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> P.S. See Crist letter in the Nov 11th Outlook re "glimmericks".  
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