

**Subject: RE: Born free, taxed to death...**

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Dear Mr. Lovegrove:

If the points you have raised in your email reflect your true concerns than you clearly have failed to collect sufficient information before casting your vote. I can assure you that the Manager's Salary is not the reason for the staggering increase in your taxes which by the way is only the tip of the iceberg. Rather it is incompetence and large scale mismanagement of the District for at least the last ten years. And this is the opinion of more than one expert.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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From: Peter lovegrove [<mailto:lovegrove@shaw.ca>]  
Sent: Sunday, November 07, 2004 10:20 AM  
To: Mayor and Council - DNV  
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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Congratulations on your win to the both of you. ( We voted for the two of you, guess we picked the winning pair! )

I'd like to address the huge rise in property taxes since I bought my home in Lynn Valley in '97. At that time it was about \$2200/yr now I'm looking at \$3100+ thats at the very least a 41% increase.

We have only one income in this household, my wife stays home to look after the baby, and each month I have \$317 withdrawn from our account... Its like a car payment every month! We need to not only stop the increases every year but to reduce the taxes to a reasonable level. I propose that council take a thorough review of its entire budget and look for ways to cut spending. For instance do we really need a recreational manager getting paid \$140,000/yr ??? I'm sure there are far too many managers and "officials" in the district office. Please do something about the spiralling taxes before we have to sell and move to Mission or elsewhere. I should note that I've was born and raised in North Van and really want to stay here.

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