

Subject: RE: Tsleil Waututh service agreement signing

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To: "Dennis Back" <dback@dnv.org>, "James Ridge" <James_Ridge@dnv.org>,

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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST:


Although I had nothing to do with it, I am ashamed at what has been done to the Native People in this country. I recall an incident when I travelled with the Leader of the CP many years ago and we passed by a Native Cemetery. It was full of neglected and rusty crosses indicating of what were mostly children's graves. This, said my Friend Nigel with tears in his eyes is the legacy of the White Man, the proverbial Anglo-Saxon messenger of European culture, so called. The incident was interesting because Nigel Morgan was not exactly a man given to emotional expressions and neither was he of native descent.

What happened to the Natives is not my fault of course, I had nothing to do with it. Yet, I too am embarrassed that this has happened. However, I am even more embarrassed at the manner with which the Tsleil Waututh Service Agreement has been presented to Council. It is clearly a subsidy and should have been stated as such. That it is a subsidy does not worry me. Indeed I would have supported an agreement to that effect. After all, if we can subsidise the City of North Vancouver big time, why not the Tsleil Waututh, who are at least deserving of a break.

But what is upsetting and insulting to my intelligence is that our staff and management had the gall to come forward and tell us that this agreement is businesslike. All I can say is, if you were to do this in a private corporation, you would be fired. In the banana republic of the District of North Vancouver, of course this is not the case, but it is an insult, nonetheless. Just imagine for a moment, these are the same people who with the assistance of the god of a thousand District plagues and the father of a thousand disasters, sat in judgment over me.

Ernie Crist

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> *From:* Kalpna Hayre On Behalf Of Dennis Back
> *Sent:* Thursday, July 07, 2005 9:06 AM
> *To:* Mayor and Council - DNV; James Ridge; Gary Calder; Gavin Joyce; Agnes Hilsen; Norm McCormick; Quattrocchi@lya.bc.ca
> *Subject:* Updated: Tsleil Waututh service agreement signing
> *When:* Friday, July 08, 2005 10:00 AM-10:30 AM (GMT-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada); Tijuana.
> *Where:* Lynn Canyon Cafe - Meeting Room
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> Due to meeting room shortage at Municipal Hall, the signing of the Tsleil Waututh Service Agreement will take place at:
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> Lynn Canyon Café Meeting Room
> 3690 Park Road
> North Vancouver
> 604-981-3103
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> Thank you.

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