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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST;

As Mark Twain said, reports about my death are vastly exaggerated. There is a story in the Vancouver Province today March 11, 2005, on page A 13, and also in the Vancouver Sun on page B 3, speculating about my candidacy in the upcoming November Municipal election, about the Northlands Scandal and the anti-Crist campaign in the District during the last 4 years. More than 3 years of the 4 were under Mayor Don Bell, now an MP.

According to the story in the Province, former MLA Jeremy Dalton's determination has paid off. Through the FOI he found out what the District might have wished left unmentioned, namely that the anti-Crist campaign cost the District taxpayers close to \$ 53,000. Jeremy Dalton, who pursued the matter, is quoted as saying. "It was a colossal waste of time and money. The whole thing was politically motivated to shut Ernie up. He raised too many uncomfortable questions, like the theft of \$300,000 from the municipally owned golf course"

Both the Province and the Sun reported that the 77 year old Crist had indicated he will most likely retire this year. However, Don Bell, District Mayor during the KPMG, the Canlan, the District Heritage Fund and Infrastructure Reserve Fund incidents and also Mayor during the Northlands Golf course theft scandal does not believe that Crist will retire - "Crist said that before said Bell". However Don Bell may have confused his desire to get me off Council with reality, said Crist.

During a municipal election a special interest group formed a civic party (CCA) to prevent public access to the District Waterfront. The CCA supported an anti waterfront access slate, which included Bell. With the exception of Crist, who came within 150 votes of being defeated, the CCA was successful in ousting all councillors and candidates who were in favour of the recommendations by the Waterfront Task Force. Crist was the initiator of a Waterfront access policy which would have seen a walkway along the foreshore belonging to the public. The concept was strongly opposed by the CCA (Concerned Citizens Association) many of whom were adjacent home owners on the waterfront who had erected illegal structures on foreshore land.

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