

Subject: [Fwd: Re: Council Meeting Times]

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Subject: RE: Council Meeting Times

Date: Sun, 20 Feb 2005 17:06:00 -0800

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Dear Mr. Platts:

I agree and I also think that elected representatives i.e. Councillors should be allowed to ask questions of the Directors and/or spokespersons of Community Associations or heads of Council Committees asking for and/or receiving community grants etc., during the budget hearing and/or debate.

Imagine for a moment if you can, an organization appearing before a parliamentary budget committee asking for a grant from the government where the members of the parliamentary budget committee are not allowed to ask questions as to why they want more money and/or what they intend to spend it on etc... Yet this is exactly what happened in the District the other day when we were informed that we could not ask questions of staff because it would be too time consuming but that we could submit questions in writing and staff would then get the answers later on, later during the week that is. Hello, Hello, is there anybody home? anybody with a clue what democracy is all about?

Ernie Crist.

From: Brian Platts [mailto:bplatts@shaw.ca]

Sent: Sunday, February 20, 2005 4:26 PM

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Cc: James Ridge; FONVCA

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Mayor & Council:

At the Thursday, February 17th meeting of the Federation of NV Community Associations, a discussion took place regarding the scheduling of budget meetings beginning at 5 p.m. on weeknights. It was felt by members of FONVCA that this start-time places an unnecessary hardship on members of the public who would like to attend. While it is true that the public input sessions have been scheduled for 7 p.m. (like last Tuesday's budget meeting), important presentations from the RCMP and fire department were held earlier. This coming Tuesday is another 5 p.m. start-time. FONVCA members therefore agreed unanimously to request that in the future, all special meetings of Council, and preferable also the Budget Workshop Meetings, be held on weeknights beginning at 7 p.m. or, alternatively, one or more Saturday meetings be scheduled instead.

Sincerely,

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