

Subject: [Fwd: Re:]

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Subject: RE:

Date: Thu, 03 Mar 2005 11:17:24 -0800

From: James Ridge <James_Ridge@dnv.org>

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Some points of important clarification.

Council has full legal authority to set rates of compensation for Acting Mayor. It made temporary adjustments to those rates in the spring of last year to reflect the fact that the Acting Mayors would need to step fully into the Mayor's role during the then-Mayor's unpaid leave of absence, and in some cases would have to forgo other income to do so. Council more recently adjusted the period of that change by two weeks, in response to a notice of motion.

This two week adjustment to the period of the special Acting Mayor compensation was requested not by Councillor McKeon Holmes, but by Councillor Nixon. The adjustment brought some consistency to the application of the Spring 2004 adjustment, and could have meant additional income for both Councillor Nixon and Councillor McKeon Holmes, **however both have refused the additional compensation**. The discussion properly took place in Camera because it involved a discussion of certain personal issues related to a former member of Council.

James Ridge

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From: Ernie Crist

Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2005 12:14 AM

To: Agnes Hilsen; Mayor and Council - DNV; James Ridge

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Subject:

Ms Hilsen:

On Feb 24, I wrote an email to you requesting that Councillor McKeon-Holmes' claim to be paid the Mayor's salary for the period when, in fact, she was only Acting Mayor be brought forward and be dealt with in public as a regular agenda item.

Councillor McKeon Homes requested compensation over and above that she was entitled to on the grounds that Mayor Bell made no salary claim against the District as he was already receiving compensation from Canada's taxpayers as an MP elect.

That Councillor McKeon Holmes as a result received monies from District taxpayers over and above that she is entitled to, is in my opinion a violation of existing Council policy but is also unethical if not illegal and will make the District liable should a taxpayer pursue the matter in a court of law.

In any case you will recall that I requested that this matter be reviewed and dealt with in public. You will recall that you stated that you would seek legal advice. As of this moment I am still waiting for a response and so is the press which is keen for this issue to be clarified.

As a side issue, you may recall that Councillor McKeon Homes previously had accused Councillor Crist of cheating on gas mileage. Upon investigation, those charges turned out to be totally unsubstantiated. However, Councillor McKeon-Holmes never apologised for the slanderous remarks she made in public.

Please advise as to if and when the item will be put on a public agenda.

Thank you,

Ernie Crist