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> *The Editor:*
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> *Finally it seems to sink in SEE NEWS NOV 16. that the City of North*
> *Vancouver is not interested in amalgamating with the District and the*
> *reasons why? Taxes for a home located in the District compared to a*
> *similar assessed house in the City are hundreds of dollars more in*
> *the District.*
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> *The City Heritage Fund fed from a much smaller land bank is intact*
> *while the District's Heritge Fund is all but gone. Ditto, with the*
> *Infrastructure Reserve Fund. It too is gone in the District while in*
> *the City it is still \$ 1,300 per capita. As a result, asbestos water*
> *pipes in the District are still in place even though they were*
> *supposed to be replaced by 2001 at the latest.*
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> *Even though there is a surplus of playing fields, the District*
> *continues to build fields, because there is a shortage of fields in*
> *the City. The District provides and maintains parks while the City*
> *continues to build high-rises. City residents can access District*
> *Recreation facilities, including three swimming pools compared to one*
> *in the City, without contributing a single penny to their capital*
> *maintenance.*
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> *And most importantly the City, by any standards, has been run far more*
> *efficiently then has the District. No Northlands, Canlan or*
> *unnecessary land slide scandals in the City and no eviction of a*
> *Councillor from Council Chambers for calling a 400% overrun of a*
> *project a hoax as was the case in the District. No wonder members of*
> *City Council ridicule the very idea of amalgamating with the District.*
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> *Ernie Crist*
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