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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

The outcome of the 2005 municipal election in the District of North Vancouver is a victory for the status quo. It is, in fact, a victory for Don Bell and his Liberal Machine which will enable him to control District Council.

This despite the fact that under Don Bell and his political friends and supporters in various guises on Council including Walton, Muri, Harris, and Nixon etc. brought the District to the brink of fiscal disaster.

To ensure continued control and even consolidation under their control, the Liberals endorsed a number of additional candidates to take the place of those members of the old council who constituted an opposition centered primarily around outgoing Councillor Crist .

Crist was trying to form a civic opposition to the current Bell and company controlled Council but, with the exception of Wendy Qureshi and John Sharpe, it was by and large unsuccessful.

The meaning of this will become clear very soon. The District will soon change direction. The first line of attack will be the community and neighbourhood driven community planning process. Developers will increasingly get a sympathetic ear. Neighbourhood driven planning will increasingly come under attack;

The next line of attack will be the Health Recreation Commission which will be privatised in the name of streamlining and partnerships. In order to extricate itself from its current fiscal dilemma Council will commence selling land and will densify existing neighbourhoods for the benefit of developers.

There will be no progress on any of the major issues including public transportation. There will be increasing influence by the Chamber of Commerce. This will include financial support for the business committee in the name of encouraging investment in the Community. It will be done at the expense of homeowners.

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