

**Subject: Response to some of the contributors to "discussion@northvancouverpolitics;"**

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> A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

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> When I first got involved in District politics 30 plus years ago the  
> voter turnout was 12%. There were no Recreation Facilities and, under  
> the Regional Plan, the North Shore Mountains were earmarked for  
> massive housing developments. Seymour was to have enough concrete to  
> accommodate 120,000 people and the Maplewood Mudflats were earmarked  
> for a concrete town center - sorry, no birds. Only if you were a  
> member of the Chamber of Commerce were you allowed to address Council.  
> The leachate from the municipal dump was emptied into Lynn Creek just  
> as the gunk from "Mount Seymour" goes into Deep Cove today.

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> There were no swimming pools in the District. When they were built it  
> was without steam rooms, hot tubs or dollar days. There was no  
> neighbourhood driven community planning, only concrete jungle  
> planning. There was no Parkgate Community Center. The proceeds from  
> land sales earmarked to pay for it had been used to cover operating  
> expenses instead - the money for Parkgate had to be borrowed. The  
> battle for and against raged back and forth before it was approved.

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The same was true for the Northlands Golf Course. The land was to be sold for housing and not necessarily affordable housing - affordable that is for those who make \$ 15 or less an hour. A District Mayor was told by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, he (the Mayor) could not prevent a Councillor from attending Council appointed Committee promoting a golf course. The mayor was slow and had to be told in writing. Building the Golf Course was apposed by the pro developers on Council. They have now changed their minds. Now they are in favour of "Northlands" they want densification (infilling) instead.

> The District was beset by scandals, scandals of incompetence and  
> scandals of gross incompetence, Northlands, KPMG, Canlan, Heritage  
> Fund, Infrastructure Reserve Fund, Land slides and lease policies to  
> mention a few. The Canadian Society for Small Business found the  
> District to be the worst run municipality in Western Canada. Some  
> members of Council after being exposed, had to pay back after  
> overcharging for car mileage and other expenses - no wonder they hate.

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A motion was made to declare the District of North Vancouver a Nuclear Free Zone. The motion by Councillor Crist caused a furor. This was at a time when 80 year old Generals and their local admirers were advocating Nuclear War. With the support of the Anglican Father Barnes of Saint Clements Church in Lynn Valley and the North Shore Unitarian Church it was adopted.

> While most of the old pro Nuclear Dinosaurs are gone, before leaving  
> they instructed their yuppie offspring to continue to hate us for  
> "misusing our elected positions" and joining 56,000 other  
> municipalities and cities around the world in declaring our community a  
> symbolic zone of peace. Some of their yuppie offspring and their  
> children are now writing to "northvancouverpolitics.com" to complain.  
> It is the printed version of the camels bad breath still lingering in  
> the tent long after the camel itself has been evicted.

> Ernie Crist.

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