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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

Mayor Harris of the District of North Vancouver has now on several occasions interrupted me when it was my turn to speak during Council meetings. She has done so under the pretext that I should speak to the item. The latest of her admonishments was during the debate on the Lynn Valley Town Center issue when she claimed that speaking as I did on the bylaw pertaining to the proposed Drive thru was not relevant to the item under discussion.

Apart from the fact that she was completely in error, SHE IS DEVELOPING A PATTERN which was quite common under a previous Mayor who went out of his way to cause dissension by violating rules of procedure.

Such tricks are quite common in banana republics and are practised routinely by politicians of the mediocre variety to stifle dissent and divert attention from the real issues. At the same time they are signals of loyalty to special interests and political friends that I do not want to be seen to be in the same camp as Councillor Crist who continues to oppose a Council agenda which is essentially pro development and pro real estate - a POSTURE CONTRARY TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY CONCEPT and COMMUNITY DRIVEN PLANNING.

The attempts by the new Mayor can only be construed as similar efforts and a prelude to the Fall election. Clearly Mayor Harris is trying to make brownie points with friends from the same camp as her predecessor and for the same reasons.

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