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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST;

I understand that following the registration closing time for candidates in the upcoming District Election there was jubilation by several staff members in the District Clerk's Department when it had become certain that I would not run for office. Yay, even liquor was served, I understand.

What I don't understand is the surprise, since I had already indicated more than once that I would not run. Now, I do understand that Don Bell, the erstwhile Leader of the District, had stated in the press that I had made such announcements on previous occasions only to change my mind, he said. But I can assure you that this is not so. I am sure Don simply confused me with one of his pals maybe even with himself. It was definitely an example of Don's imagination of which he never suffered a shortage. You may ask anyone who ever worked with the man.

The public who witnessed this "joyous" event were not impressed. One resident, who claimed she was present, said it was most unprofessional. Other District staff too thought it was tactless. A number of the celebrators were trained and promoted while Don Bell was Leader of the District. You know Don Bell? He is now in Ottawa, special adviser to the Prime Minister on electronic home equipment and fiscal prudence I understand. I also understand he is keeping track of the Prime Minister's expenses.

As for the jubilation by Ms Hilsen's staff, who apparently partook in the jollies, all I can say is, may they live a long life. Ms Hilsen too. She is the Clerk, a politically neutral position in all non banana republic municipalities. "May you live a long life" is a Chinese expression used by people who were punished in old China for failing to show gratitude to the emperor's clowns sent to entertain them.

Ernie Crist