

Subject: Clarification of Councillor Muri's comments on May 16 re Mountain Biking was contradictory.

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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST - the wording contained in this message or parts of it may be used during the upcoming District Municipal Election in November.

An unusually large number of people who watched the televised District Council meeting of May 16/05 including the debate around the Mountain biking issue, have asked for clarification of Councillor Lisa Muri's claim that a motion submitted by Councillor Crist on Mountain Biking had contained contradictory statements.

However, it turned out that when reading from the motion in front of her, Muri left out a crucial portion of the paragraph and in so doing confused and in fact misrepresented the issue. This leaves one of two possibilities, said District Councillor Ernie Crist, either she left out the remaining wording deliberately to create mischief, or as I suggested at the time, her language skills may not have been adequate to complete the rest of the sentence.


On previous occasions Muri overcharged expenses in violation of District policy. According to a recent NS NEWS story both Muri and the erstwhile District Mayor Don Bell had to pay back overcharged funds to the District.

Maureen McKeon-Holmes, another District Councillor, previously accused Councillor Crist of a similar offence and did so in public. However, a subsequent investigation showed that the allegation was unfounded. McKeon-Holmes FAILED TO apologized for her unfounded allegations.

Additional charges against Councillor Crist, by a person or persons as yet unknown, claiming he had used the privileges of his office to obtain advantages when purchasing a car from a local dealership, were also dismissed by the RCMP investigators as being unfounded.

During a previous election campaign, virtually all present members of District Council, except Councillor Ernie Crist, had been endorsed by the CCA. The CCA (Concerned Citizens Association) was a special interest Civic Party consisting of homeowners residing adjacent to the District waterfront. Crist, in conjunction with District residents, had campaigned to open the District owned waterfront for public use.

Ernie Crist was also a key player in exposing other serious shortcomings in the District, including the Northlands, the KPMG, the District Heritage Fund and the District Infrastructure Reserve Fund incidents and scandals.

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