

Subject: [Fwd:]

Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2001 12:07:54 -0800

From: Brian Platts <brian_platts@telus.net>

To: Corrie Kost <kost@triumf.ca>

Subject: RE:

Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2001 11:06:10 -0800

From: Agnes Hilsen <ahilsen@district.north-van.bc.ca>

To: "'Dave Sadler'" <davesadler@telus.net>

CC: FONVCA <fonvca@fonvca.org>, Mayor and Council - DNV <Council@district.north-van.bc.ca>

Dear Mr. Sadler:

In accordance with Council's Procedure Bylaw, items dealt with at a closed meeting of Council are considered confidential until the decision is released, either by the Mayor or by resolution of Council. I will not comment specifically on the letter to which you refer, since neither the Mayor nor Council have released any such decision.

In general terms, I will advise that all items which are discussed at a closed meeting must meet the criteria as set out in section 242.2 of the Local Government Act. A policy issue such as the one to which you refer could only be discussed at a closed meeting if it relates to one of the subject matters outlined in section 242.2.

Agnes Hilsen
Municipal Clerk

-----Original Message-----

From: Dave Sadler [<mailto:davesadler@telus.net>]

Sent: December 9, 2001 11:15 PM

To: Agnes Hilsen

Cc: FONVCA; Mayor and Council - DNV

Subject: Fw:

Dear Ms. Hilsen:

I picked up the following letter from the FONVCA web site which was forwarded by Councillor Crist. It is my understanding that the topic of "request from the public for information" does not qualify as a subject to be discussed in-camera under the LGA. I would appreciate an explanation.

Yours truly,
Dave Sadler

> > -----Original Message-----

> > From: Ernie Crist

> > Sent: Wednesday, December 05, 2001 3:15 PM

> > To: Mayor and Council - DNV

> > Subject:

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> > Mayor and Council:

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> > I wish to register once again my strongest possible objection against the

> > In Camera Council decision of Dec. 3 -2001 pertaining to "Requests from

> > the Public for Information". This latest action constitutes nothing

> > less

> > *than a blatant attempt to intimidate, harass and prevent the public from*
> > *obtaining accurate information and deny the public's right to be*
treated
> > *with professional respect.*
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> > *I should caution you that the right to open government and to freely*
> > *access non misleading information is enshrined in law. That this Council*
> > *is tampering with this right under the pretext of protecting staff or*
> > *itself from harassment by the public, is nothing less than scandalous.*
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> > *It is clear from the statements made by certain members of Council*
during
> > *the debate that this issue has been concocted for purposes which can*
> > *only be interpreted in two ways. Either this Council wants to hide*
> > *important facts from the public and/or enshrine a practice that has*
> > *become all too prevalent since this CCA endorsed Council was elected -*
> > *namely to continue to allow the provision of misleading information*
and
> > *not just to the public but also to elected officials and/or ignore such*
> > *requests altogether as was the case with the recent expense account*
issue
> > *for example.*
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> > *Ernie Crist,*
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