

Subject: Attention Councillor Denault: Benefit Package

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Dear Councillor Denault:

I believe you misconstrued my presentation to Council. The issue was not whether or not North Van City had approved the benefit package for members of Council, rather the process of how this review was carried out. NSN article of April 6/01 follows.

Yours truly, Dave Sadler

Committee to consider NVC council benefits

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NORTH Vancouver City council decided April 2 not to vote on a bylaw to increase benefits for mayor and council.

Councillors instead referred the recommendation to the stipends committee for comment. In suggesting that the decision be postponed, Coun. Bill Bell seemed surprised that the recommendation was even on the agenda for that night's meeting.

The additional benefits under consideration include a Canada Savings Bond purchase plan, group RRSP, employee and family assistance plan, a home computer purchase plan, and an employee fitness program.

Until last year, municipalities were not allowed to provide benefits at municipal expense to members of council. However, the province's Bill 88 (Municipal Amendment Act), proclaimed in 1999, gives municipalities broader powers and allows them to provide benefits to mayor and council.