

Subject: [Fwd: Request to Censure Councillor Harris]

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Subject: Request to Censure Councillor Harris

Date: Thu, 20 Sep 2001 11:51:52 PST

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CC: FONVCA <fonvca@fonvca.org>

Dear Mayor & Council:

On March 26, 2001 during a public District Council meeting, I believe Councillor Harris wrongly challenged my integrity. The issue concerned a rather outrageous statement which I attributed to her during a previous session concerning Council expenses. While denying her comments, Councillor Harris publicly rebuked me for attributing them to her.

As I consequence I obtained copies of the two Council meetings in question & meticulously transcribed the relevant proceedings. These I presented to Council on April 2 with a formal request for an apology from Councillor Harris, as the transcription clearly indicted that the Councillor did indeed make the statement which I attributed to her.

At the time, I was instructed by Mayor Bell that Councillor Harris should be given a chance to examine the transcript before responding.

Despite 9 requests over the last 5 1/2 months, no response let alone a public apology has ever been forthcoming.

I believe it is clear that Councillor Harris has no intention of apologizing. I believe Councillor Harris should be formally chastised for this unprofessional & unacceptable behaviour. I therefore request that Council formally censure Councillor Harris for abrogating her responsibilities as an elected official of the District of North Vancouver in failing to acknowledge, respond, or address a formal complaint by a member of the public.

In addition, I believe Council should ask Councillor Harris to take some counselling as to the fundamental duties expected & required of an elected municipal official and how they deal with their constituents.

I believe such behaviour should not & can not be tolerated by any elected official of this municipality.

Yours truly, Dave Sadler

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

From: Dave Sadler

To: jharris@dnv.org

Cc: Mayor and Council - DNV

Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2001 11:51 AM

Subject: 9th Request for an apology

9th Request Sept 18/01

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

From: Dave Sadler

To: jharris@dnv.org

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Sent: Sunday, September 09, 2001 8:58 PM
Subject: 8th Request for an apology

8th Request Sept 8/01

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From: Dave Sadler <<mailto:davesadler@telus.net>>
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Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2001 11:30 AM
Subject: 5th Request: Apology requested

Dear Councillor Harris: 5th Request
June 26/01

I again ask that you apologize publicly for challenging my integrity at the March 26 meeting of Council as I requested at April 2/01 meeting of Council during public input. For your convenience I have provided my request and a transcript of your offending remarks below: Thanking you in anticipation,
Dave Sadler

Dear Councillor Harris: 4th Request
May 6/01

I again ask that you apologize publicly for challenging my integrity at the March 26 meeting of Council as I requested at April 2/01 meeting of Council during public input. For your convenience I have provided my request and a transcript of your offending remarks below: Thanking you in anticipation,
Dave Sadler

Dear Councillor Harris: 3rd Request
April 25/01

I again ask that you apologize publicly for challenging my integrity at the March 26 meeting of Council as I requested at April 2/01 meeting of Council during public input. For your convenience I have provided my request and a transcript of your offending remarks below: Thanking you in anticipation,
Dave Sadler

Dear Mayor & Council:
April 2, 2001

Apology requested from Councillor Harris

First, I'd like to state that I take great pains to ensure that anything I bring before Council is of a true & accurate nature. However, during last week's debate surrounding Council expenses, my integrity was challenged by

Councillor Harris.

At the Feb.26 Council Meeting, Councillor Harris claimed that councillors shouldn't have to repay the District money mistakenly paid for unauthorized expenses, because 'repayment' wasn't stated in the Bylaw. In a letter to Council, I said this was 'an outrageous contention' by the Councillor. But last week, Councillor Harris denied having made these remarks & said I had got it wrong.

Well Councillor Harris did indeed make these 'outrageous' remarks. I'm providing Council with a transcript from Feb26 Agenda Item 2, just before point #2 of the report was voted on:

Councillor Harris speaks: " Just a clarification Mayor Bell, because our Bylaw is mute on this issue. Our current Bylaw - it's mute. There is nothing in our Bylaw requires or a council request, indeed that anybody reimburse there's no issue, it is not addressed in the Bylaw, so what I suggest is we defer this & we do not vote on this & we'll leave those decisions to each individual councillor to act on his/her own judgment in this regard because that essentially constitutes #2 Mayor Bell."

I have also transcribed Councilor Harris's March 26 comments Agenda Item #3 where she denies making this statement:

Councillor Harris said "I want to clarify a point in Mr. Sadler's communication & I remember my comment at the time and it wasn't an outrageous contention that a member of Council may not be required to repay expense money erroneously paid by the District etceteras. I suggested that Councillors repay legitimate expenses incurred over & above the annual amount by garnishing that amount from their subsequent years expense. It was just a suggestion & it wasn't an outrageous contention & I take issue with how it was put in Mr. Sadler's letter so I want to put that on the record Mayor Bell."

If the transcript isn't clear enough for Council & Councillor Harris, I have a video tape of the proceedings, which we could all watch.

The bottom line: the 'outrageous comment' as outlined in my letter to Council was made by Councillor Harris. I believe Councillor Harris owes me an apology for challenging my integrity.

Yours truly, Dave Sadler

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