

**Subject: RE: Rationale for raising seniors recreational fees by 50%**

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A message from Ernie Crist

To target Seniors with a 55 % fee increase inside the span of a year under any circumstance is immoral. Those responsible have abused not only their mandate but they have also exposed their own bankruptcy. Their decision is as incomprehensible as it is shortsighted.

Ernie Crist

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

From: Corrie Kost [<mailto:kost@triumf.ca>]

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Your Worship & Members of Council,

One of the reasons given by municipalities for raising seniors recreational fees is that they no longer need to be so subsidized since many are no longer at the poverty levels they once were. (See Vancouver report on this issue at [http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/parks/bdpackg/2001/010129/seniors\\_fees.htm](http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/parks/bdpackg/2001/010129/seniors_fees.htm))

See also the references below....

Highlights - Canadian Fact Book on Poverty 2000

<http://www.ccsd.ca/pubs/2000/fbpov00/hl.htm>

[http://www.hrhc-drhc.gc.ca/isp/mr/poverty\\_e.pdf](http://www.hrhc-drhc.gc.ca/isp/mr/poverty_e.pdf)

You will note that if one reads the fine print that seniors, as a group still have a higher poverty rate than average, that poverty rates vary dramatically from region to region, and further, that economic circumstances may have changed radically in the last year - especially for seniors. It thus behooves council to reconsider its recent decision on this matter and determine the true economic circumstances of our seniors relative to the general population for the City/District of North Vancouver. A true measure of our society is how it treats our youth and our elderly. Let's really see how we measure up.

Yours truly,

Corrie Kost