

**Subject: This is further to my previous e-mail on my motion re electronic display of both the speaking order and allotted speaking time for member of Council.**

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Ms Hilsen:

You have requested that I change the rationale in my previously submitted motion " Council Meetings-Electronic display of order of speaking time allocated to members of Council" in which I stated the reasons as to why the recently installed electronic display indicating the speaking time for members of Council should also include the order of speaking of members of Council.

In my rationale I have pointed to the documented display of hostility, and bias by the present Mayor and Council against me. In all likelihood because I am the only none CCA endorsed member of District Council.

In your reply you have stated that you cannot include my rationale in my motion since it contravenes the "Secretarial Services to Councillors which states that the Clerk's Office will not prepare or forward correspondence for Councillors which contain personal charges or verbal attacks upon the integrity or motives of other members of Council, members of its committees/commissions, the staff or public".

Quite apart that my rationale contained in the motion was chosen carefully, my request to receive a legal opinion as to whether your opinion is valid has nothing to do with the above stated policy. At this moment I am merely requesting a legal opinion as to whether you are right in denying that the "rationale" may be included in my motion or not. You have indicated that you cannot ask for a legal opinion on the matter since this is the responsibility of the Mayor and Council and/or the Municipal Manager.

However, as I indicated in my rationale, both the Manager and the Mayor as well as the CCA endorsed Council have shown a repeated bias against me and as such, are at least perceived of a conflict of interest situation.

Therefore, I cannot and will not ask them for permission to receive a legal opinion as you suggested. This responsibility rests entirely on your shoulders and as Clerk of the District of North Vancouver, is entirely within your mandate. If the legal opinion expressed by the solicitor backs your contention that despite the circumstances and the history of the last 30 months in the District my rationale is contrary to policy, I will change my rationale accordingly.

In light of this, I request again that you seek a legal opinion as to whether I may use the rationale in my motion as the reasons for my request that the recently installed electronic display, in addition to the allotted speaking time, should also include the speaking order of members of Council in line with the order of requests to speak.

Thank you

Ernie Crist

