**Subject: Notice of Motion - Report Councillor Crist** 

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## Notice of Motion:

That the North Vancouver RCMP detachment be requested to give its opinion on the merit or otherwise of the government's plans to close government liquor stores and alcohol distribution centers and turn over all beverage alcohol sales to for profit companies and further

That the GVRD be requested to set up a committee of Mayors and/or Councillors to make recommendations re this matter.

## Rationale:

In a recent letter to Council the British Columbia Government Employees Union BCGEU has asked Council to endorse a resolution voicing our opposition to the governments plans to close government liquor stores and turn all beverage alcohol sales over to private companies.

In its letter, the Union representing the employees in the government liquor stores points to many adverse effects should this come about. It mention's a host of social problems including higher crime rates and subsequent higher police costs to be borne by municipalities. The BCGEU is asking that the provincial government provide a formal vehicle perhaps through appointment of a commissioner, a committee of MLA's, or similar means, for pubic discussion and community input into these issues. Since this issue will impact the municipality, it behooves Council to ask the North Vancouver RCMP detachment for their opinion before going on record as opposing the governments plans.

It is also important to put this item on a public agenda to provide the public including FONVCA an opportunity to provide input.

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