

Subject: Response to Mr. Feist re burning of waste in fireplaces - see let ter received Mar. 5-2002.

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Dear Mr. Feist:

Subject: The burning of waste in fireplaces.

I am truly sorry that you are being subjected to environmental terror and the associated health risks as a result of waste being burned in fireplaces in your immediate neighborhood.

Some time ago I introduced a motion on Council that we prohibit such practices precisely for the purpose of equipping our staff with the necessary tools to stop such abuses as described in your letter if and when they occur. As you are probably aware, Council failed to support my initiative to protect our citizens from such hazards.

I also regret that, despite my plea for support from the North Shore Health authorities, no such help was forthcoming at the time this matter was debated by Council. But again it is possible that they now recognize the seriousness of this issue.

Notwithstanding, I will give a copy of this letter to Staff so they may pursue this matter further. I will also urge them to bring appropriate recommendations forward for Council's consideration. It is possible that Council will now provide leadership in addressing this serious health matter. I will also send a copy of this letter to all appropriate regional health authorities and teh North Shore Councils.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Yours truly

Ernie Crist

CC - All appropriate health authorities in the Lower Mainland including the North Shore as the case may be.

