

Subject: [Fwd: In-Camera Discussions]
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Subject: In-Camera Discussions
Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 00:31:49 -0800
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CC: "FONVCA" <fonvca@fonvca.org>,
"Mayor and Council - DNV" <Council@district.north-van.bc.ca>

Dear Ms. Hilsen:

I am very disturbed when I receive correspondence as per attached which closely follows my own concern over the handling of in-camera agenda items by Council. I don't think it's fair to yourself, your staff, or the public to allow such straight forward matters to fester & remain unresolved.

I believe that you should address this problem once & for all, with legal assistance if necessary and clarify for all concerned what is allowed to be discussed in-camera. There can be no exceptions to this rule because this is the law under which we must abide.

Moreover, I believe the current In-Camera Agenda is too vague, incomplete & does not sufficiently explain what topics are being discussed behind closed doors. Nor does there seem to be a mechanism in place to document items brought forward under any-other-business while in-camera. To assist you in this regard, I'm faxing a copy of the form used by the City of Castlegar which I think should be adopted by the District of North Vancouver.

I believe in open & transparent government. Although the District has come a long way in this regard, I don't think we're there yet & I will continue to persevere.

Yours truly, Dave Sadler

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

From: "Ernie Crist" <CristE@dnv.org>
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Sent: Saturday, March 23, 2002 11:04 PM

> *Dear Mr. Sadler:*

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> *I asked Ms. Hilsen a similar question many months ago only to be referred to*

> *the Mayor by her. The question was in relation to a specific item which*

was

> *dealt with in-camera when according to how I interpret the Local Government*

> *Act it should have been dealt with in public. I pointed out that ultimately*

> *it is the Clerk who has the responsibility to insure that the appropriate*

> *sections of the Local Government Act are upheld. To this request I have*

> *never received a satisfactory response.*

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> *You may be aware that I introduced a motion that in addition to a Code of*

> *Ethics Bylaw applicable for members of Council, we also adopt a Code of*

> *Ethics Bylaw for Senior Staff. My motion was defeated at the behest of*

Ms.

> *Hilsen claiming that it was not necessary since senior staff were already*

> *bound by a code of ethics applicable to their specific profession.*

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> *Ernie Crist.*

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