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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST;

Councillor Doug MacKay-Dunn has requested that his attached report i.e. motion be added to next Monday's agenda.

Recommendation

That

- 1) an external independent audit be conducted regarding the District's Surplus Accounts and Operations and Utilities Budgets;
- 2) the examination should look into the destination of transferred funds from the "Utilities" into "General Government" for application to support service functions; and
- 3) such an audit be conducted within 30 days.

Reason for Report

Given the inconsistent financial information that has been provided to the public, there is a general lack of confidence in the financial stability of the Municipality. People must have confidence in their local government but unfortunately in this case, I feel that confidence has been eroded during our Budget deliberations especially in regards to "Operational" funds being diverted to cover costs of support systems such as "JD Edwards" and similar functions under ITS.

My own comments in this matter are that I could not have said it better myself and in fact I did say it and make similar motions more than once but without success. But why stop here? I suggest we have a full audit on the whole issue of the Heritage Fund, Land lease issue and Reserve Funds. How about that. If you agree with me give me a shout or write me a line.

Ernie

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