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> From: Ernie Crist

> Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2003 10:39 PM

> To: Mayor and Council - DNV

> Subject:

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> Mayor Bell:

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> It has come to my attention that you may have deliberately excluded me from a decision making process involving all members of Council except me resulting in the termination of the employment of Mr. Gord Howie without cause. Such a consultation process would include seeking agreement from individual members of Council (other than myself) via telephone, e-mail or any personal discussion for the purpose of achieving consensus of Council on any specific item while, at the same time, deliberately excluding one or more members of Council.

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> Unless you are in possession of a written Court Order authorizing you specifically to exclude one or more members of Council from any such consultation and decision making process, such an action on your part would constitute a serious violation of your mandate, the Local Government Act as well as District policy. What is more, all other members of Council, who knowingly participated in such an illegal decision making process, would be equally culpable. I have been asked by the media whether I had any knowledge of this. I would appreciate clarification to pursue this matter further if necessary.

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> Thank you,

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> Ernie Crest

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