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From: [John Harvey](#)

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Dear Council, Four of the current District Council are aware that although I live just inside the City boundary, but that I generally shop in the District that I have appeared and spoken at District Hall and given input I feel is of use to both District and City residents.

Many citizens of Nth Vancouver I believe have been fortunate that Cllr Ernie Crist has led the way to have the 255 bus service in operation, which was a godsend to many during the last transit strike. Also his efforts which has duly led to a new animal support situation. Also his and Joan Gadsby's efforts in assisting me in bringing the RNB Dance & Theatre Arts School into a void into the Lynn Valley area. Although I do not always agree with Ernie, he does set an example of his what he believes is leadership by the amount of motions he attempts to bring to the table. Really remarkable.

This last week on your and the City's agenda is the Arts. It is this topic that unfortunately I disagree in some areas with Ernie.

Whereas I agree with Ernie of his areas of concern with the Recreation Commission and their high budget, unfortunately it appears the Arts Council and the Arts Commission and other Arts etc does not have the same consideration that it also be completely reviewed, but quite willing to accept their own staff reports ad lib.

Tomorrow I hope to watch the replay of last Mondays both Council's meetings re the Arts topic. In respect of the proposed increase to up the \$1 capita to \$1.20 I hope you have taken the recommendation that it is goes to the Budget discussion. In view of the Districts struggle with their finances, my recommendation is that it stays at the \$1 amount. For monies are automatically increased to them as per the population increases. The claim that their has been a much constant increase of applications is false. Also the difference that the groups claim to what is given is claimed a shortfall. Sorry but it occurs like Union bargaining claim. The Arts groups I believe, that to near enough receive what they can expect, is to first up the asking price so to allow for a pro rata response. Also whereas the Group Arts Granting is stating 'it is not to be viewed by applicants as an ongoing source of funding' the Arts Commission staff are reporting that they are (constantly) sending applications out to those groups that applied the year before !. (added: Have you seen any newspaper advertising for sending in Arts grant applications - I haven't.)

There is so much I could discuss but you would I believe fall asleep.

However, I believe the North Vancouver District residents do not want the District to be a tourist area. There already has been complaints of excess filming etc for example. I believe the North Shore is basically with citizens that want a quiet residential and family area.

Due to non full planning thoughts over the years, the land has been constantly taken up by the home developers and other investors (say Grouse Mtn, Cap Canyon examples) so that the only place that may become, later tourist interest is in the City around the Versatile site, but only possibly with limited Arts.

As Ernie says the District does the playing fields whereby the City build the highrises. Unfortunately the Versatile site is to be residential based, with commercial and some shall we say culture and no green space environment. Just a walkway. First just a pier now it looks like more piers. Originally no boats to obstruct the view, but that remains be seen. So what is your Arts and tourism in the District. Have we ever heard from the Chamber of Commerce. They are similar to the other Core Funded entities I have seen on your last weeks agenda.

When there are I believe over five thousand businesses on the North Shore and I believe I have read only around 750 membership, why are the remaining not having subscribed. Fair enough, both Council's monies towards the summer staffing support of the tourist booths, but when you are battling with finances and tax increases, why are the elected Council members not obtaining full background information of these Core Funded receivers. Why did the Council last year allow the Seymour Art Gallery to be core funded.? Are there or are there not visual artists on the North Shore, to get off their butts to run this Gallery ! You only have to currently look at the signs on the roadside, to see the number of community people running little leagues or junior soccer etc.

Thank you for your attention, good wishes for your term in office.

Yours truly, John Harvey. (add: already sent to Council)

