

Subject: FW: FW: Ernie's Motion sent to FONVCA CONFIDENTIAL

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You may be interested to know that, despite C. Crist sending it (the e mail below) to FONVCA, it was not posted there. I discovered this in trolling the FONVCA website. I raised this question with FONVCA and was advised that FONVCA screen message receipts and that this one raised concerns. I gather it will be further scrutinized to determine what should be done with it.

The reason for my e mail today is that I ASSUMED that because C. Crist sent it to FONVCA, it would be posted. I was wrong. They have a screening procedure.

For what it is worth, I have advised FONVCA that I feel that messages which impugn people's motives as opposed to challenging or attacking their positions or views have no place on the FONVCA website. Only the "victim" knows his or her motives, and speculating on their motives is not particularly helpful. It damages teamwork, causes polarization, and hence does not advance DNV business. I think we can aspire to a higher class of debate than that, particularly since negative speculation on a person's motives is, I suggest, a personal attack, a practice proscribed by the DNV code of conduct.

Had C. Crist only referred to the possible "outcome" of the motion by the new councillors, rather than the "purpose", it would have been much different. Perhaps this was his intent? Only he knows.

I know provincial and federal politics are more of a "blood sport", but then those politicians are far better paid. A councillor is almost a volunteer position, given the hours put in vs. the pay rate and the amount of available support. I am not sure public abuse re their motives is warranted.

While I have probably been guilty of it myself, I believe we are best to keep speculation on people's motives out of the FONVCA website and the press.

I would note, however, that this also implies that the Mayor must not permit council members to make personal attacks on each other or citizens. With the past council, the Mayor ignored a number of personal attacks aimed at both other councillors and members of the public. Sauce for the goose !

Mr. Mayor, "enforcement" of the DNV Code must be uniform in council chambers.

Interested in other views

> John Hunter

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Ernie Crist [mailto:ernie_crist@dnv.org]
> Sent: January 5, 2003 11:18 AM
> To: FONVCA (E-mail)
> Subject: Motion submitted by 3 new members of Council re Northlands;

> A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

> Yesterday I sent you an e-mail re my "Northlands" Motion calling for a
> written statement from the Municipal Manager as to when it was known
to him
> or his staff that the alleged embezzlement was \$ 25,000 or greater.
In the meantime I have received a copy of a motion submitted by the
three new
> Councillors calling for the setting up of a "Committee to review DNV
> policies as they relate to Northlands Golf Course". The motion will be
dealt with Monday Jan 6 following my own motion.

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> For those of you who are interested in procedure, my motion which I
> submitted on Dec. 27 was not to come before Council until Jan 27, I
was
> told. However the motion from the 3 new Councillors submitted on Dec.
28 is to be dealt with this coming Monday. I venture to say that my
motion asking for clarification of this crucial question will be
dispatched very quickly since there will be no seconder. All previous
motions on that issue
including one by the outgoing Council calling for an independent
operational audit were either defeated or put on the shelve.

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> However, the motion submitted by the 3 new Councillors will not deal
with
> the real issue whether there was any violation of the policy under
which the Municipal manager or his staff was obliged to inform Council
as to the exact date when it was known to him that the amount of the
alleged
embezzlement was \$ 25, 000 or greater thus effecting the possible
outcome of the recent municipal election. The motion submitted by the
3 new
Councillors can thus have no purpose other than to sidetrack this issue,
to emasculate and render harmless any and all attempts by the public to
find out whether there was any violation and do so in a timely fashion.

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> Ernie Crist