

Subject: FW: October 23 email

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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

In response to my enquires to Ms Fleming from the Rec Commission I have now received a reply - see below.

I suggest you read my original e mail note to Ms Fleming carefully and read her response back equally carefully. With all respect to Ms Fleming I believe you will agree that it is difficult to make sense out of it.

Ernie Crist

> ---Original Message-----

> From: Heather Fleming

> Sent: October 31, 2003 2:16 PM

> To: Ernie Crist

> Subject: RE: October 23 email

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> Hello Cllr. Crist,

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> Thank you for your e-mail dated October 23rd.

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> As per the North Vancouver Recreation Commission Agreement Bylaw,

> "> The Commission will develop and review policies regarding fees for rentals and program fees for the use of indoor and outdoor Facilities and Recreation Programs operated on behalf of the District and the City and make recommendation to District and City Councils for changes to fees.> ">

> In 2002 and 2003, NVRC has made these recommendations at the Fall Joint Council meeting.

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> Regarding notes of the September 18th, 2003, Joint Council meeting, we will revise notes to read the size of the increase was compounded since the fees had been frozen in 1998.

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> The fee chart which was circulated to you and other members of Council includes specific published rates and percentage changes and not average percentage changes.

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> To help with clarity, it may be better to look at the fee change in actual dollar amount change.

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> For example:

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> Senior Fitness Drop In

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> 1995 = \$3.20

> 2003 = \$4.10

> change = .90

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> Your question regarding the 15.9% reflects the % change in Drop In fitness fee from 1999 to 2000, not the annual fitness package change.

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> Note: We did not include a percentage change of annual fitness memberships from 1999 to 2000 since a different fitness package was introduced at that time.

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> Sincerely,

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> Heather Fleming

> Director of Recreation

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Ernie Crist
> Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2003 6:26 PM
> To: Heather Fleming
> Subject:

> Ms Fleming:

> According to the minutes of the Joint Meeting of Councils and the Recreation Commission - Oak Room - Sept-18,2003 "Councillor Crist was concerned about the significant raise in rates for seniors a few years ago" (51% plus 3 % for a total of 54% - my comments).

> Also according to he minutes, Joyce Parkin in her reply stated "that in 2000, NVRC fitness fees were adjusted to be on par with other municipalities and to reflect the cost of delivering the services". In the minutes it is further stated that the size of the increase was compounded since the fees had been FROZEN for several years previously.


> However, in your NVRC Fee History 1995-2003 which I obtained I note the following increases for the year 1995 to 2000.

- > 1995 from 1994 - 2.1% average increase for all categories
- > 1996 from 1995 - 2.3% average increase for all categories
- > 1997 from 1996 - 2.2% average increase for all categories
- > 1998 from 1997 - 0% average increase for all categories
- > 1999 from 1998 - 6.5% average increase for all categories

> While an argument can be made that the increases did not surpass the cost of living index for the years mentioned it is incorrect that the size of the fee increases were frozen for several years before the year 2000 as was stated. Maybe you could clarify the discrepancy between the statement and the facts as I understand them from your chart.

> I also note however, that in 2000 the average fee increase is listed as 37% except that the increase for silver plate i.e. seniors, is listed as 15.9% when in reality it was 51% plus 3% in that year as I understand from, the extensive discussion we had at the time. I would appreciate having an explanation for that too.>

> Thank you,
> Yours truly
> Ernie Crist

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