

Subject: Explosion and Fire on North Vancouver Waterfront

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RE: EXPLOSION AND FIRE AT B. A. BLACKTOP

Dear Councillor Crist:

So, this time it was B.A. Blacktop and, according to a North Vancouver Deputy Fire Chief, it was ".....a miracle no-one was hurt, considering the molten asphalt and the pieces of metal that were expelled by the explosion."

The event, of course, leads one to wonder how bad it could have been, had an incident occurred that also blocked off access for emergency vehicles to the site!

How long will it be before we have an "unexplained incident" at the chlorine plant; an incident that is "just a one-in-a-million incident that no-one could have predicted." Can't you just hear the spin?

As you have said over, and over, and over again - to little avail - "Yes, we need jobs and industry taxes in the District, but do we need to risk lives - and the costly liability attached thereto - in order to have jobs?"

The Chamber of Commerce receives a fair chunk of funding from the District, so why can they not work more closely with District staff and government to attract the right kind of jobs to our waterfront?

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