

Subject: [Fwd: Code of Ethics]

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Mayor Bell,

Does the Code of Ethics no longer apply for Members of Council? I was extremely disappointed last night that you let a member of Council get away with a vicious attack on committee members. This was NOT something said in the heat of the moment, but a well-prepared and well-considered statement.

You will recall that now-defeated Councillor Bill Denault did the same on the previous Council, and considering how you make a special point of always defending staff from attacks from the public, it is EXTREMELY disappointing that you will again let a member of Council denigrate and insult hard-working committee members. One thing is to disagree with the work done over the course of 6 1/2 years. That is a fair comment - no problems there. A completely different thing is to use derogatory and insulting terms as he did - and which you allowed without even calling him to order (I truly wonder if you would have allowed ALL Members of Council to use the same terms).

The time has come, Mayor Bell, for you to decide once and for all whether the Code of Ethics should apply to all (INCLUDING every single Member of Council), or whether this attempt at decorum should plain and simple be given up for lack of enforcement.


I would like to know if you would e.g. allow me to say at a public session that a Member of Council who is, let's say, in the real estate business, is 'self-serving' when/if he votes in favor of more developments in the North Vancouver District.

If your answer is 'NO', I would like to ask why you would let the same Member of Council use those terms when he was referring to a committee that has spent 6 years on a project.

You have always instructed members of the public to present any complaints to you in writing. This is exactly what I am hereby doing, and I would sincerely hope that you will be kind and courteous enough to respond regarding this most unfortunate incident.

Best regards,

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