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PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED REVISED MOTION

> Notice of Motion - Report Councillor Crist

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> That Council impose sanctions against Councillor Muri following her remarks directed against a citizen of the District namely Mr. Jeremy Dalton during his delegation appearance at the regular meeting of Council on Sept 8,-2003 since her conduct was in violation both of the District Procedure Bylaw as well as the Council Ethics Bylaw.

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> Rationale:

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> Mr. Jeremy Dalton, a resident of the District of North Vancouver, appeared at a regular meeting of Council on Sept 8 as a delegation to address Council in connection with the censure of Councillor Crist for divulging information to the press regarding the alleged Northlands embezzlement scandal.

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> During Mr. Dalton's address, Councillor Muri interrupted Mr Dalton, which is contrary to the expected conduct of a Councillor. Paragraph 16 of the District of North Vancouver Code of Ethics Bylaw states Council may impose sanctions on members whose conduct do not comply with the District's ethical standards. Mayor Bell, whose job it was to advise Councillor Muri that such interruptions are not permitted, failed to do so. The interruption by Councillor Muri was totally unprovoked at this point and resulted in Mr. Dalton stating "I think you heard an aside from Councillor Muri wondering why I am bringing up this issue".

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> However, following this, Councillor Muri again provoked Mr Dalton with the comment "Is that a fact" and again Mayor Bell failed in his duty to stop or advise Councillor Muri. However, it was at the end of Mr Dalton's address and after the Mayor thanked Mr. Dalton for his appearance that Councillor Muri facing Mr. Dalton stated "You are ill.

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> Allowing interruptions from a member of Council by the presiding member of Council is contrary to Section 16 of the North Vancouver District Code of Ethics Bylaw which was supported by Councillor Muri, Councillor Harris and Mayor Bell. Such remarks and such conduct is also in violation of Section 19) a, b, and c, which states a) that no member or other person attending the meeting may interrupt a member who is speaking, except that a member may raise a point of order or a question of privilege and b) that no member or other person attending the meeting may cause a disturbance, disrupt or delay the conduct of business and c) that no member or other person permitted or invited to speak by the presiding member on any matter during the meeting may speak disrespectfully of any other person or use any rude or offensive language or make a statement or allegation which impugns the character of any person.

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> The remark by Councillor Muri, unchecked by Mayor Bell, was clearly in violation of section 19 of the Procedure Bylaw as well as paragraph 16 of the District Code of Ethics Bylaws. In this particular case, the aside remarks by Councillor Muri, especially the remark "YOU ARE ILL" was not only in extremely poor taste but was also uncalled for and insulting. Mayor Bell again did not interrupt Councillor Muri and/or challenge her to withdraw those remarks.

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> The District Procedure Bylaw and the Code of Ethics Bylaw for Councillors only has merit if violations or transgressions by members of Council are enforced by Mayor Bell without bias. But this does not seem to be the case in the District of North Vancouver with Mayor Don Bell in the chair thus contributing to an already charged atmosphere as might be expected in light of the circumstances surrounding the alleged Northlands embezzlement scandal.

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> I therefore request that Councillor Muri be censured and further that she officially apologize to Mr Dalton for her remarks.

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