

Subject: Response from Ms Hilsen to letter of request for delegation from Mr. Jeremy Dalton.

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Dear Mr. Dalton:

I am in receipt of a copy of the response from Agnes Hilsen to you dated June 12, 2003 which in return is in response to your letters to her dated June 9 and 10, 2003.

Under item one, Request to Appear as a Delegation "Regarding Sanctions Against Councilor Crist" Ms Hilsen states that " the purpose of a delegation is to either present information to Council or to seek Council's action on a matter". She goes on to say that "in view of the fact that, Council will be considering this issue shortly, it would not be appropriate to schedule a delegation at this time". As I understand it, your request was precisely made for the purpose as indicated in Ms Hilsen's reply, namely to present information and to seek clarification on this matter from Council.

Ms Hilsen went on to say that in response to your June 9 and 10 letters regarding various issues, the following responses are provided. Please allow me to provide you with the following information of my own on the subject.

a) Ms Hilsen refused to put this item on a public agenda as I had requested. She stated that, inasmuch as certain persons might be identified, it would not be appropriate to put this item on a public agenda. However, when the issue came before Council originally, Ms Hilsen had no objection allowing Council to debate this matter in public. This, according to Ms Hilsen, means that although a Councillor may be accused in public of wrongdoing, the Councillor in question does not have the right to revisit this issue and defend himself in public. It may be of interest to you that I have a legal opinion which differs from that of Ms Hilsen.

b) As it turned out I refused to have this debated In Camera since, in my opinion, it would be another shameless charade. The charade follows the usual predictable scenario. The Mayor calls for a seconder but as there is no seconder the motion is defeated - and if the motion is defeated there is no record, hence no issue, hence Mission Accomplished.

On the Wolrige Mahon issue, Ms Hilsen informed you that a request for a copy of this report has been made under the provisions of Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. I do not see why this is necessary. The point to be made here is that Mayor Bell promised its release months ago declaring, at that time, that the report would be released shortly and not more than two weeks hence. I see from the comments by Ms Hilsen that the two weeks have now turned into "a few weeks". This is two weeks after the original two weeks have already expired.

It would appear that my predictions that the matter will be deferred until the summer time when people are going on holidays and are not paying too much attention are coming to fruition.


c) As for the Northlands Review Committee which you also raised. All I know is that the least informed body regarding "Northlands" seems to be the Northlands Review Committee. It would, appear that this matter too is following the scenario of the Wolrige Mahon pattern.

Have a nice day and rejoice in the knowledge that civic democracy and good government in the District are in good hands and are doing well.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

Ps. Please inform me whether you have any objections for me to release this letter to the community.

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