

Subject: RE: Public Access: Proceedings: Northlands Golf Course Review Committee

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Dear Ms James;

I fully agree with your comments. You are undoubtedly aware that I have requested that this item be added to the Agenda this coming Monday under Agenda addenda. The item falls within Section 242 of the LGA and will be In Camera I have been told by the Clerk.

I do not agree that this where it belongs but since this is the District of North Vancouver, this is what it will be. This of course is provided it will be dealt with at all. There may be no seconder which means I will not be able to even speak to it. This happens more often than not.

As I said this is the District of North Vancouver. Nonetheless I want you to know that I am at least challenging the rule preventing a member of the public to sit in on the deliberations of this Committee. I believe it is a sad day for the District when a group of Council appointed citizens decides that its deliberations have to be kept secret from the public especially since they themselves are non-elected citizens.

Thank you,

Ernie Crist

-----Original Message-----

From: Elizabeth James [<mailto:cagebc@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2003 4:29 PM

To: Mayor and Council - DNV; Dr. Corrie Kost

Cc: Cathy Adams; Eric Andersen; Maureen Bragg; Allan Orr; Brian Platts

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Mayor Bell, Members of Council
DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
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RE: PUBLIC ACCESS: PROCEEDINGS: NORTHLANDS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Dear Mayor Bell, Members of Council:

The Terms of Reference of the Northlands Golf Course Review Committee state, in part:

"Scope:The review process will be open, the report made available to the public, and recommendations made concerning control and reporting processes - diagnostic and prescriptive....."

The whole idea behind this committee was that concerned citizens could be made aware of the flaws in process that allowed the alleged fraud and embezzlement to occur at Northlands. Despite this, several members of the public who wished to attend and observe Committee discussion have been asked to leave the room and attempts have been made to close off the meetings completely. This defeats the purpose and is not acceptable.

It is recognized that, from time to time, an item up for discussion may touch upon sensitive areas such as the ongoing RCMP criminal investigation or the external audit. However, this certainly does not apply to such innocuous items as selection of a


chairperson for the group, an approval of the minutes, general discussion of procedures and process, or generic discussion of allocation and use of District credit cards.

Council is respectfully requested to issue an immediate directive that Committee proceedings be made as open as possible, as was intended, and that the public should be excluded only from those items which can be justified as being sensitive and for in camera discussion.

Yours truly,

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