

Subject: Harassment of a Councillor for the purpose of preventing the release of pertinent information pertaining to the "Northlands" scandal.

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Mayor Bell;

On February 18, 2003, I wrote an e-mail to you (see below) pertaining to the ongoing harassment against me by both you, Council and staff as a result of my attempts to determine the exact date when staff, as well as you, knew about the embezzlement of the District by an employee of Don-Mac and staff's subsequent failure to so inform Council in a timely fashion.

As of this moment, I have not yet received a reply from you. In line with my previous request I am asking again that Council rescind its ill considered act of vindictiveness and revenge preventing me not only from accessing the Clerk's Dept area but also deprives me from being Acting Mayor. Clearly this vindictive measure has been enacted to harass and intimidate me. Notwithstanding, the public is entitled to know the full truth and I will not rest until this is done. As an elected representative I can do no less.

I am fully aware of the implications of divulging information pertaining to the legal issues surrounding the Northlands embezzlement issue. My request, however, as I have pointed out in the presence of representatives of the Law Firm of Lidstone, Young, Anderson, has nothing to do whatsoever with the present criminal investigation conducted by the RCMP and which you and Council have used as an excuse for withholding information from the public.

Enclosed is my original request made to you on Feb. 18, 2003. At that time you promised to respond to me in writing, however you never did and I am now again requesting that you do so.

Furthermore, in the event that your response is negative I request that the reasons for it be based on a legal opinion rather than your own. In light of your biased and vindictive attitude and your ongoing manipulation of the democratic process, including behind closed doors during the last few years, this request is entirely appropriate. In this connection I would like to remind you of the threats you uttered against me after the 1999 election results had been announced. You may recall that those threats were uttered in the presence of witnesses who are willing to testify in a court of law if necessary.

E-mail to the Mayor by Councillor Crist dated February 18-2003.

Mayor Bell.

I hereby request that Council rescind it's recent decision depriving me from accessing the Clerks Department area. This act was clearly geared to harass and humiliate me for no valid reason other than to divert attention from the real issues surrounding the (Northlands) mess.

I also request that the decision preventing me from being Acting mayor be rescinded. In light of your previous, documented and politically motivated threats of retaliation against me, Council's decision, made at your behest, lacks any moral authority. It is neither reasonable nor rational nor justified.


It is YOU who manipulated the Northlands process. My decision to divulge relevant information to the press was as much an act of self defense as it was a gesture of duty to the electorate. Also, as I explained more than once, no information dealing with the criminal investigation was ever revealed, certainly not by me.

Your refusal to deal with the NOV 30. decision made by the outgoing Council calling for a full audit, left no doubt in my mind that you were determined to sweep "Northlands" under the rug. Why else would you refuse to deal with the motion of Nov. 30 - even if only to defeat it? Clearly you did not want to be seen to do so officially. In summary,

you left me no choice.

I now request that Council rescind this ill conceived act of vindictiveness and revenge forthwith. I do so also on the grounds that it infringes on my rights to carry out my duties to the electorate effectively. I should also inform you that the exact date when the Northlands scandal was known to at least one member of Council will be established.

Ernie Crist

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