

Subject: Response to Mr. Lorne E. Dennis re Council sanctions against Councillor Crist.

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Dear Mr. Dennis;

Thank you for your support regarding this issue. Your support is the more remarkable since you are living in the City of North Van. District Council and some staff have made a mountain out of a molehill. For years I went to the District Hall to look at the upcoming agenda. This time I was told by a staff seeking a promotion at the time, that I could not see the upcoming agenda. When I asked why and who authorized this new rule she stated that SHE had. It turned out later that it was the District Clerk who had sent out an e-mail to this effect to all members of Council except me stating that there had been a change in policy.

It was also at the time, I had exposed that two members of the CCA endorsed Council had received compensation authorized by management for functions contrary to Council policy and without Council's knowledge. Yes, I raised my voice but there was no swearing or yelling and for raising my voice I did apologize but this was not enough for a Mayor and Council bent on revenge for political reasons. Another interesting factor in this scenario was that Council adopted a Code of Council policy at the time, but when I made a motion that such a Code of Ethics policy also be drawn up for the benefit of management and staff the same management which had authorized illegal compensation to two members of Council, this request was nixed including on the advise of the same person who had forgotten to inform me that taking a peek at the upcoming agenda was now contrary to policy.

It was I who consistently pointed to the very serious shortcomings in the District long before they became public and published in the press. It was following the 1999 election that the Mayor in front of at least two witnesses stated that "we will now put Crist in his place". This was the election where the District CCA Civic Party, representing a special interest group, elected all candidates except me and where I ended up at the bottom of the elected candidates. Harassment has been the order of the day since.

All I can tell you at this moment is that the charge that I detained a member of staff in her office by blocking her way is a lot of horse dung - a figment of this persons imagination. There were no witnesses and all we have are the allegations of this staff member seeking a promotion at the time.

However, I have on two occasions offered to take a lie detector test but nobody has taken me up on it. However, I am prepared to take such a test at any time. This battle is far from finished, however.

Thank you again.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

