

**Subject: A Liberal Affair?**

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*"Ignorance of the law is no excuse for ignoring it or breaking it. It remains the citizen's responsibility to be aware of laws that govern our lives."* - **Coun. Alan Nixon, April 11th. North Shore News article on rejected DVP application.**

Mayor & Council:

Councillors Muri and Crist deserve full marks for their principled, honest, open, and ethical stance in response to the Capilano Suspension Bridge's blatant violation of the development process with respect to the unauthorized construction of the tree-top canopy walkway.

Both councillors made powerful, convincing arguments as to why the application ought to have been rejected and the elevated walkways removed. Councillor Muri, in particular, presented a devastating indictment against the ownership of the facility, detailing the deliberate and repeated non-compliance until they were finally caught.

In my view, the majority of Council demonstrated its collective weakness and lack of resolve to uphold the integrity of the development approval process. The local Federal Liberal establishment and business people who came out to support the actions of the CSB ownership should be thoroughly ashamed of themselves -- and so should those members of Council who condoned the total lack of process by voting in favour of application.

It is easy to talk about the "breaking of laws" when the 'lawbreaker' is a small-time homeowner. It is quite another to stand on principle and say no to a big and politically well-connected company.

Sincerely,  
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