Subject: FW: 2004 Municipal Taxes

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-----Original Message-----From: Ernie Crist Sent: April 12, 2004 9:12 AM To: 'Corrie Kost'; Don Bell2; Janice Harris; Lisa Muri; Maureen McKeon Holmes; Alan Nixon; Richard Walton; Agnes Hilsen Subject: RE: 2004 Municipal Taxes

Dear Dr. Kost:

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention. Both you and I know the reasons for this phenomena. These are difficult times for municipalities. At the heart, first and foremost, is Canada's constitutional backwardness which treats municipalities with little more respect and independence than medieval chattels. This despite the new Community Charter which turned out to be nothing more than yet another hoax perpetrated on the public like so many others before and since.

However, we also know that the number one reason for the consistently high tax increases in the District of North Vancouver is the plague of incompetence taking hold of the DNV some 12 years ago, give or take a few years and which includes among others, the Heritage Fund fiasco - just to mention one.

However, I suggest that, in addition to making Council aware, you bring this matter to the attention of the press. It is always possible that at some stage the local media will expose this DNV phenomena with the same diligence as they do issues of lesser importance.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

----Original Message----From: Corrie Kost [mailto:corrie@kost.ca] Sent: April 11, 2004 11:04 AM To: Don Bell2; Ernie Crist; Janice Harris; Lisa Muri; Maureen McKeon Holmes; Alan Nixon; Richard Walton; Agnes Hilsen Subject: 2004 Municipal Taxes

Your Worship & Members of Council,

I want to remind council that a 5% increase in municipal taxes would again exceed what most (if not all) other Lower Mainland municipalities are proposing.

Using the mill rate of 3.30842 (stated at the April 7 Council workshop) would result in a 7.2% increase in municipal taxes for my modest home.

Your truly,

Corrie Kost

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