Subject: FW: Notice of Motion - Report Councillor Crist.

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> Notice of Motion: Report - Councillor Crist.

> That the Council of the District of North Vancouver seek the assent of the electors during the 2005 Municipal election to maintain the present number of 6 Councillors rather than increase this number to 8 Councillors as required by the new Municipal Charter.

> Reason for Report:

> Prior to the enactment of the Community Charter, the local government Act stated that a city or district with a population greater than 50,000, must have a council comprised of a mayor and eighth Councillors. Municipalities were permitted to enact a bylaw to vary this requirement by setting the number of Councillors at four, six, eight or ten. 1977 the District of north Vancouver adopted the Constitution of Council Bylaw, 1977 which set the number of Councillors at six. Council revisited this issue in 1996, but, at that time, Council chose to retain the number of Councillors at six.

> The Community Charter now requires that a City or District having a population of more than 50,000 and less than eight Councillors must receive the assent of the electors in order to maintain the number of Councillors which in the District stands at six.

> There appears to be no advantage for the municipality and/or the taxpayers to increase the number of Councillors from the present six to eight. On the other hand it would undoubtedly make the process of governance more complex, more cumbersome, more bureaucratic and above all more expensive. That which is bureaucratic now would undoubtedly become more so.



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