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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

Page A 7 of today's "Province" carries a story about the Don Bell Car Allowance issue in the District of North Vancouver. Don Bell who, as Mayor told Council that keeping track of mileage ( kilometerage) was very simple has failed to do so himself. He owes the \$ 8,400 for expenses for which he has no proof - Don Bell has broken the rules.

On numerous occasions I have attempted to get Council to review the whole matter of indemnities including car allowances since the whole matter is chaotic. All my efforts failed however. Councillor Janice Harris, in particular, instead of supporting my motions used every attempt to attack my efforts instead. Now it turns out that I was the only member of Council to play by the rules.

I also take issue with Janice Harris's claim that she walks or bikes to all the sites listed on the agenda. The District is far flung and it is not possible to do so. Also in the last 6 years I have submitted hundreds of initiatives and motions. Janice Harris has submitted a total of 8 but she has consistently opposed any Initiative to achieve badly needed reforms regarding the Heritage Fund the Infrastructure Reserve Fund, KPMG, Northlands, Canlan etc. She even voted against an outside audit on Northlands as did her other colleagues on Council.


I also take issue with her claim that she is an environmentalists. Saving a shrub does not an environmentalist make, saving a forest does. She voted against the Waterfront Task Force recommendations which would have allowed public access to waterfront and land which belongs to the public. She voted against saving Cove and Mountain Forest and wanted a huge housing development in its place.

She voted against the Northlands Public Golf Course and favored a huge housing development in its place. She has voted in favor of virtually every single development application that has come before Council.

The record shows that Janice Harris is 100 % pro development and has even gone so far as to claim that people who participate in our neighborhood and community planning process have special interests and that if she were elected Mayor she would change that.

If the District is getting a black eye for all the misdoings, then Janice Harris has to accept a major responsibility. It is she who has been one of the leaders of the most anti democratic element on District Council.

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