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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

The District of North Vancouver may only approve building permits provided the building is within the fire fighting capacity radius of the District Fire department.

The limit set by law is 6 minutes, that is to say the fire crews have to be able to reach any building or structure within a maximum of 6 minutes.

The District cannot be held liable for a structure for which no permit has been issued provided it does not know of the existence of such a structure. But once it has been officially notified of the existence of such a structure as was the case with the cabin on Fromme Mountain it has no option but to enforce its removal.

For the District to fail to do so would make the District liable for any damages in the event of a fire or accident associated with the building. Not only the municipality would be liable but even individual members of Council. The reason for the "haste" in demanding the removal of the structure is because of the dry season. This has resulted in the area being officially declared a potential hazardous forest fire protection area.

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