

**Subject: [Fwd: Re: The 55,000 s.ft.. containing 40.000 s.ft.. in Lynn Valley for a Library and associated use was a fact and so was the 15,000 s.ft.. community space.]**

**Date:** Sat, 04 Dec 2004 14:31:09 -0800

**From:** Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>

**To:** Corrie Kost <kost@triumf.ca>

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**Subject: Re: The 55,000 s.ft.. containing 40.000 s.ft.. in Lynn Valley for a Library and associated use was a fact and so was the 15,000 s.ft.. community space.**

**Date:** Sat, 04 Dec 2004 20:01:21 +0000 (GMT)

**From:** Elizabeth James <cagebc@yahoo.com>

**To:** Ernie Crist <ernie\_crist@dnv.org>, Cagebc@yahoo.com, fonvca@fonvca.org, m.bragg@shaw.ca

Dear Clr. Crist:

What I asked for was that you point me to something on paper which covers earlier discussions and/or decisions regarding square footage for the community space - preferably, which shows that an XX amount of sq. footage was to be included in the \$6-million Library building which was the subject of the 1996 Referendum. I cannot support one side or the other in the absence of facts.

Further, I still maintain that discussion, even heated discussion, on a topic can take place within the bounds of courtesy. No-one denies that you have been a strong voice in support of the community but, in my opinion, you completely squander your ability to be effective when you use terms such as "Uncle Tom." I get really, really mad when I witness the kind of thing that has gone on - for example, over the Northlands fraud and RAV. But if I blew my stack by calling people names publicly every time someone challenged my version of a story, I'd be sitting atop Mt. Kilimanjaro by now. Similarly, had I been as publicly forthright as I would have liked over all aspects of the proposed Lynn Valley expenditures, you wouldn't have liked that either.

For example, you say in your email, "I supported the Lynn Valley Library Town center project despite great reservations because the Library is needed, **because I had promised to support it** ..."

In the run-up to the 2002 election, you also promised potential voters, via FONVCA, that you "would call for a referendum on all major projects....." Yet, despite the fact that the project was folded into the LV Town Centre redevelopment and that, therefore, the scope and the budget of the project was nothing like that of the 1996 referendum and, further, that the 1996 advertising stated, "The amount will be no more than the amount shown, for the project as described," you voted against holding a virtually cost-free referendum alongside the recent by-election. Moreover, you stated as your reason, that you didn't want a referendum because "the project would be defeated." As I've said before - Wow!

In my opinion, to go ahead with the library project - as it is currently described - contravenes the terms of that legal referendum. Since a transgression of the law cannot - except in this province, a la Canlan - be made legal retroactively, had I the wherewithal to undertake the case, the District would be in the courts over this.

In a nutshell, I consider your angst over the scope of these projects to be well-founded and sincere. However, I also believe you leave yourself without a leg to stand on when you (a) demean the discussion by calling your hard-working, well-meaning, opponents names; and, (b) deny District taxpayers the one vehicle by which the discussion could have been brought out into the open for full, informed discussion.

Kindest persosnal regards,

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Sincerely,

Liz James

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