

Subject: FW: Lynn Valley Library Project update

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From: Ernie Crist
Sent: Sunday, December 05, 2004 9:52 PM
To: 'BOB GEORGE'; Weldon Congdon
Cc: Maureen McKeon Holmes; Janice Harris; Lisa Muri; Richard Walton;
"Alan Nixn J Cuthbert"@dnv.org
Subject: RE: Lynn Valley Library Project update

Without prejudice:

Dear Mr. George:

I do not think your comments that a project in Lynn 'valley should not be supported because it is not in Capilano where you happen to live, makes much sense. Forgive me me for being so blunt. Having said this, I agree that the Lynn Valley project is very poor, but please don't blame me for it. It would be like blaming the barking watch dog for the burglar trying to break into your home. But then nothing would surprise me.

I do find it curious however, that some people who are so concerned about the fiscal responsibility of District Council or lack thereof have been silent all those years when I pointed to the very serious shortcomings including the mismanagement of the District Heritage Fund and the Infrastructure Reserve Fund not to mention the unjustified subsidy to the City of North Vancouver costing District taxpayers \$ million each and every year to mention but a few examples. I won't even mention all the other things including Canlan, KPMG and Northlands which I exposed and show you the bruises should you wish to see them.

In light of this I can only conclude that your concerns are more politically motivated rather than based on genuine concerns to improve efficiency or save taxes by running a more efficient operation as I have advocated for many years. Still you are right about the Lynn Valley project and it will be duly reassessed. Even so you may wish to familiarize yourself with all the pertinent facts pertaining to this matter, for if you don't, you will surely get out from this present hole only to fall into another one shortly thereafter.

Always remember Mr. George there are plenty of prophets in the District but most of them are either charlatans and or just plain false. The easiest thing in the District is to hoodwink the people and the most difficult to be honest and business smart. Ignorance and political bias always carries a price.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

From: BOB GEORGE [<mailto:b-george@shaw.ca>]
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Subject: Re: Lynn Valley Library Project update

I have to agree with you Mr Congdon. If Lynn Valley wants this Library, then have Lynn Valley pay for it with an addition to their property tax. I don't feel that as a Capilano area resident I should be saddled with this debt nor should my daughter. If this does go ahead, I will do all I can to make sure the whole council is turned out for one that is more fiscally responsible.

Bob George

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----- Original Message -----

From: Weldon Congdon <c.h.l@shaw.ca>

Date: Sunday, December 5, 2004 3:24 pm

Subject: Lynn Valley Library Project update

> Good Afternoon,

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> I am writing you all out of a sense of sheer exasperation, Within
> the last 24 hours I have been advised that the updated estimates
> for this project that have just been recently recieved are a
> WHOPPING \$ 8 to 10 million over the \$ 34.5 million that was given
> to the taxpayers at the most recent public meeting. So now we are
> looking at a project that could and probably will cost well over \$
> 45 million.

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> Should we not just proceed with a \$ 6 to 8 million dollar Library
> as we originally intended rather than getting involved in a
> project that no one can possibly think we can afford. Also why is
> there the theory that the District should get into the Property
> Development business and compete with the private sector?

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> My hindsight is not always 20/20 but I do not recall any of you
> getting elected 2 years ago or as recently as 6 weeks ago that
> gave you the mandate to take the District into that kind of debt.
> Maybe your OK with doing this because you don't expect to get re
> elected in a years time and that fact may just have more truth
> than fiction.

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> Armed with new information please reconsider this project for the
> benifit of the taxpayers particularly us older ones, build the
> new Library but put the rest of the project in the round filing
> cabinet or at least have a Referendum on it. I do not believe that
> even the new Charter gives you that much leaway when it comes to
> borrowing money.

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> Thank you for your time and I certainly hope you collectively do
> the right thing.

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> Yours Truly,

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> Weldon Congdon.

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