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P R E S S   R E L E A S E

District Mayor Don Bell, according to a recent District in house audit will have to reimburse District taxpayers \$2,700 for mileage claims. Bell, after being elected in the Federal riding of North Vancouver, will officially resign his position as District Mayor this coming Sunday August 22.


According to a CKNW news report, Bell claimed \$ 8,400 for car mileage for 2003 but could not substantiate claims in the amount of \$ 2,700. Following a Council motion, Bell failed to produce a log and asked Council for additional time so he could "update" his log to substantiate his claim of \$8,410 for 2003. `No similar audit has been conducted for any of the previous years.

A motion submitted by District Councillor Ernie Crist in early June to also conduct an audit for other Council expenses was repeatedly deferred while Bell was in the chair. Crist's motion will be dealt with by Council on Monday August 23, one day after Bell's official resignation as Mayor.

The Vancouver Sun in it's Saturday, August 21 edition will do a story on the matter. However, according to a Sun reporter "the story will be very brief". The recently District conducted audit revealed that only one member of Council namely Councillor Crist produced a log in line with existing policy.

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