Subject: FW: you have an ability Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2004 14:53:56 -0700 From: "Ernie Crist" <ernie_crist@dnv.org> To: "Ernie Crist" <ernie_crist@dnv.org> CC: "FONVCA \(E-mail\)" <fonvca@fonvca.org>

-----Original Message-----From: Ernie Crist Sent: September 9, 2004 2:47 PM To: 'John R..... Subject: RE: you have an ability

Hello John:

Thank you for your kind words - while people in the District in general are desperately looking for leadership and integrity in local government, too many of them are and/or have become cynical and apathetic. I do not believe that enough of them would be willing to put their faith to the test. I do not think that they are ready to vote for that they claim to seek.

They not only tolerate incompetence and corruption but they actually expect it and even reward it - and they are not even embarrassed. The North Shore "Establishment" would mobilize heaven and earth to prevent me from getting elected. Some of the advertisers certainly would not like it. They are quite willing to put up with mediocrity and worse. It is a culture they are familiar with and to the extent that they do know the difference between excellence and mediocrity, they feel quite safe with mediocrity while, at the same time, enjoying the luxury of periodically complaining about it.

They don't mind my telling them that there is manure under the straw but to clean out the stable would be too radical. I am reminded of the 5th century Roman nobleman, Cethegus, who despite his genius failed to arouse enough pride in his countrymen to rise up and oust the barbarians from his homeland.

I am, however, the winner nonetheless for soon I will walk away from it all and never give it any further thought. It will have been merely another level of experience of life in a culturally non cohesive society, corrupted by corporate values. Even so, needless to say, there are many good people with a level of social awareness and consciousness in this community who have inspired me all these years. Albeit their number may be small at the moment, it bodes well for the future.

Did you know that a group of community activists sent a letter to Mayor and Council protesting against the harassment against Crist? They sent a copy to the local press with a request to publish it. The letter was not published.

Sincerely,

Ernie Crist

----Original Message-----From: John <<u>mailto:R@shaw.ca</u>> R Sent: September 9, 2004 1:45 AM To: Ernie Crist Subject: you have an ability

Ηi,

I just returned again after hoping that the new permit fee was not given to the "general account" I am back for a while. I still have to say that in terms of finding order out of chaos you have the edge over all of the councillors, despite, being "human" against "fools"...anyway ...always hoping you should have been mayor..... why NOT..... look at the people and percentages of the people who want you there..... The good thing is that even if you don't go for Mayor..there are people who know that you would have done a HELL of a GOOD job !

Talk to you soon John Rielly

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