

Subject: FW: Councillor Ernie Crist Enquiry;

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> Mayor Bell;

This is a repeat message to you.

> I will not appear at a meeting of the "Harassment Enquiry Select Committee" if Councillor Nixon is either present and/or is a member of this committee.

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> Quite apart that this Committee in my opinion, has been set up at your initiative for the sole purpose of continuing the harassment I had to endure by yourself for years, including for criticizing serious shortcomings in the operation of the District under your leadership, I must point out that I will not divulge any information to members of this panel in the presence of Councillor Nixon.

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> Councillor Nixon has shown his strong political bias as soon as he was elected when he, along with the rest of Council voted against my fundamental democratic right to introduce and explain motions, before the chair calls for a seconder for debate, unless such motions are seconded by another member of Council first.

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> My objection to Councillor Nixon being a member of such a committee is further established as a result of Council motions to censure me for bringing to the public's attention scandals such as Northlands and Canlan and calling for an external audit as determined by the previous Council which, in my opinion, was essential to restore public trust. My opposition is further established by the fact that Councillor Nixon has been endorsed by (NET) a civic party whose avowed purpose among others was to ensure my defeat in the last municipal election.

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> As the formation of this "Select Committee" was initiated by you and District Council, it must be puzzling to the average citizen, albeit not to me, as to why a Council member was also selected to be part of this committee. Question - should you, Mayor Bell, or any other member of Council ever find themselves in a similar situation, would they approve of Councillor Crist being appointed as a member of the "Select Committee" judging their actions? If the answer is no, than I would suggest that Councillor Nixon respectfully ask to be excused from participating in the hearings.

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> This is notwithstanding your contention that the Municipal Charter gives the Mayor the right to appoint a member of Council to such a Committee. You may keep in mind that I am a minority of one on this Council. You may also wish to keep in mind that you, personally, demonstrated your politically motivated hostility towards me and that you have repeatedly violated standard and expected democratic procedure and that this was done with the acquiescence of Council including Councillor Nixon. This is to say that whenever I challenged the Chair for such undemocratic behavior Council, including Councillor Nixon, voted to sustain the Chair. You may also keep in mind that two members of the previous Council but still members of the present Council were reimbursed for expenses contrary to Council Policy and without Council's knowledge and also that you Mayor Bell chaired this meeting when you were clearly in a personal conflict of interest situation.

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> For all the reasons mentioned above, I request that Councillor Nixon not be part of the Select Committee and that instead Dr Corrie Kost an outstanding community activist with impeccable character credentials be appointed to take Councillor Nixon's place.

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I am looking forward to a reply.


> Thank you,

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> Ernie Crist

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