

**Subject: [Fwd: Re: Chlorine in District pools]**

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**Subject: Re: Chlorine in District pools**

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**To:** Ernie Crist <ernie\_crist@dnv.org>, "James Ridge, CAO" <james\_ridge@dnv.org>

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8 November 2004

Dear Clr. Crist:

This is a very important issue and one that must not be allowed to degenerate to the argumentative level of debate which has been all too prevalent in the usual District.

If Staff did, indeed, indicate that the fluctuating levels of pool chlorination were "too expensive to fix" then one can only ask what the cost would be to settle a class-action law suit.

Unlikely? Well, as a parent, what would your reaction be to this District position - if you were made aware of the results of a study released about 5-6 weeks in BC - a study which showed a dramatically-increased risk of asthma due to inhalation of chlorine fumes?

I might be helpful for Council and Staff to learn that asthma is one of the leading conditions compromising the enjoyment of life in otherwise healthy children. One of the best ways in which to help young asthmatic patients to minimize the negative effects of their condition, is to increase lung capacity and function by aerobic exercises.....and that one of the most helpful of those exercises is swimming.

With respect, perhaps an update to Staff's report would be in order. I believe Council should reconsider its position which, on the surface, appears a little laid back.

I'd appreciate being updated on developments.

Sincerely,

Liz James

*Ernie Crist <ernie\_crist@dnv.org> wrote:*

Whereas the Swimming Pool at the Ron Andrews Recreation Facility in the District contains too much Chlorine and

Whereas this is hazardous to the public's health and is potentially damaging to people's eyes, including those of children and

Whereas complaints by clients to staff were IGNORED AND/OR explained away as being the result of a combination of circumstances including as being too costly to correct and

Whereas this is not an acceptable reason when the public's health is at stake and

Whereas this state of affairs could result in costly damage suits against the Recreation Commission

Therefore be it resolved that the North Vancouver Recreation Commission be requested to IMMEDIATELY address this matter and do so notwithstanding the cost factor as has been stated

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