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GOVERNMENTS DO NOT GO BANKRUPT, THEY PASS THE BUCK.

> A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST - IT IS TIME TO REPLACE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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> When taxes in the District rise from one of the lowest in the Lower  
> Mainland to one of the highest within the span of a decade  
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> When Business enterprises are leaving the because taxes in the  
> District are higher than in any municipality in the Region  
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> When Municipal Reserve Funds, including the District Heritage Fund and  
> Infrastructure Reserve Funds amounting to hundreds of millions of  
> dollars, have been used up on top of this but not to replace the  
> asbestos water pipes still in place as was intended, then it is time  
> to replace District Council  
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> When, despite a surplus of playing fields, District Council continues  
> to build fields because the City, due to its population growth, has a  
> shortage FIELDS at a time when unlike the District, the City has kept  
> its Heritage and Infrastructure Reserve Funds intact and  
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> When District assets worth hundreds of millions of dollars, including  
> facilities and 3 swimming pools, are deteriorating for lack of capital  
> funding and maintenance while the City contributes nothing to their  
> capital maintenance and  
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> When the District is rocked by one scandal following another such as  
> Canlan, Northlands, and the Riverside land slide etc. then it is time  
> for a change of District Council  
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> When the Lynn Valley Library project will cost taxpayers \$ 35 million  
> and more, while the size of the building has been reduced by half and  
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> When contrary to promises and pictures on glossy brochures, the  
> redevelopment of the Lynn Valley Core area, instead of pedestrian  
> friendly, has merely resulted in higher density and more traffic and  
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> When the Senior member of District Council is evicted from the Council  
> Chambers for criticising the so called " Lynn Valley Pedestrian  
> Oriented Town Center" as a "hoax" and  
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> When District Council for lack of leadership wastes years in finding a  
> site for a Bus Depot even though Council had full knowledge of the  
> need for one, then it is time for a change of Council.  
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> When the public is prevented from accessing its own land on the  
> waterfront while most members of the present Council were endorsed by  
> a special interest group opposed to public access and  
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> When community plans and neighbourhood planning guidelines costing the

> taxpayers millions of dollars are being compromised at the behest of  
 > special interests  
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 > When, despite recommendations to the contrary, development in areas  
 > with a history of landslides are allowed to continue in spite of  
 > identified risks to public safety  
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 > When despite a proven method of increased efficiency of the Parkgate  
 > Recreation Center model, the District refuses to reorganize the  
 > Recreation Centers along such a model and by so doing save facilities  
 > from further deterioration and/or from being sold then it is time to  
 > replace the present District Council and  
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 > When the District is wasting money unnecessarily in the support of the  
 > Arts by paying for 3 separate administrations instead of only one and  
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 > When Council's conduct descends to the point where a Council member,  
 > not endorsed by the special interest CCA or NET Civic Party is  
 > harassed by his peers and with malicious intent is accused of expense  
 > improprieties when an RCMP investigation showed the opposite to be  
 > true and  
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 > When municipal taxes for a home of average and equal assessed value in  
 > both the City and District are \$ 600 more in the District than in the  
 > City of North Vancouver then IT IS TIME TO REPLACE THE PRESENT  
 > DISTRICT COUNCIL.

FOOTNOTE -

> one day before the 2002 municipal election in the District, the then  
 > Mayor Don Bell, in the local press, denounced claims similar to those  
 > made above as inventions. "As your Mayor" he stated "I can tell you  
 > that the statements made by a group of citizens about District affairs  
 > are inaccurate". Events since then have proven otherwise. Those who  
 > made those claims in 2002 were not the liars.

> Ernie Crist  
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