

Subject: FW: Media Release - District appoints new Director

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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST;

As you can see from the press release below the District of North Vancouver now has a new Planner. Her name is Ms Eckenfelder. I'd like to provide the following clarification regarding her appointment as the new "Director of Sustainability, Planning and Building". Council did not meet the new Planner officially and Councillors had no say of any kind in the hiring process.

Ms Eckenfelder, brings with her the most excellent credentials and may prove to be a real asset to the District. I for one will wish her the very best of luck in her new and challenging endeavour just as soon as I have an opportunity to do so. But this is not the issue. The issue is that this process was unusual even for the District of North Vancouver but then so also was during the last District Budget process, the appearance before Council of community groups requesting grants without Councillors having an opportunity to ask questions as to the rationale for their request of taxpayer's money. This included even big ticket items such as the \$ 6 million dollar subsidy to the Rec. Commission and funding for the Arts.

I did raise the issue about hiring the new Planner when Council was informed by the CAO that the hiring process was in progress and a person had been selected. I would have liked to meet Ms Eckenfelder at that time or before she was hired and ask her definition of "sustainability" and her take on community driven development as opposed to "infilling" spelled out by Janice Harris in one of her election leaflets. I would have wished to ask Ms Eckenfelder whether she agreed that the center of Lynn Valley is a Pedestrian Oriented Town Center.

When Council was informed during an In Camera Meeting, I asked whether Council would be provided with an opportunity to have a say or whether there would be a discussion prior to making a final decision about our future planning objectives and how this might or should impact the hiring process. The response I got from Council, with Harris in the Chair, was similar to that of a person looking at the Lotto results following the draw only to realise that he/she was NOT a winner.

Council was quite content to accept the CAO's remarks that he had no objection to Council meeting with the new planner after she had been hired. Thus Council was not part of the selection process. The real issue is, however, that there was no prior discussion by Council what the term sustainability means as spelled out in the title of the new planner, either in the opinion of the Chief Administration Officer, Mr Ridge, or Ms Eckenfelder or even Council..

There was no discussion pertaining to any future broad planning philosophy, objectives or planning criteria for the District of North Vancouver. There was no debate as to what would be expected by Council of the new planner and the future of the Community Driven development process as practised in the District - a process, which has set the District apart from other municipalities in the Lower Mainland. This process, with the exception of Lynn Valley, broadly speaking, has been a success in the rest of the community.

On the other hand, the violation of that principle in Lynn Valley has cost not only Lynn Valley dearly but has impacted every other neighbourhood in the District. If you have any doubt I suggest you go to Keith and Mountain Highway or the approaches to the Iron Workers

Memorial Bridge in the morning rush hour, or take a visit to the Lynn Valley Mall.

Ernie Crist

From: Colleen Brow
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2005 10:47 AM
To: Mayor and Council - DNV; Senior Management Committee
Cc: Janice Mooney; Daina Hibbard; Maureen Jones; Anne Greenwell
Subject: Media Release - District appoints new Director

Hello,
The attached News Release, introducing Margaret Eckenfelder as the District's new Director of Sustainability, Planning and Building, was distributed to the media this morning.

Colleen Brow
Communication &
Community Relations Officer

For Immediate Release
September 19, 2005

District of North Vancouver appoints new
Director of Sustainability, Planning and Building

North Vancouver, B.C. The District of North Vancouver is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Margaret Eckenfelder as its new Director of Sustainability, Planning and Building.

Ms. Eckenfelder brings with her expertise in public consultation, leadership, government policy and legislation, and a thorough understanding of the dynamics and challenges of sustainable community planning. She has held leading positions with the provincial government including: Director, Aboriginal Affairs; Director, Strategic Management and Legislation, Government Policy and Communications Office; Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Protection; and most recently, Vice-President of Policy and Research with Workers' Compensation Board.

She holds Bachelor Degrees in Law and Political Science (Honours) and a Masters Degree in Public Administration.

"Ms. Eckenfelder brings to the District's Management team many years of public sector experience in Policy, Environmental Management and First Nations issues. Her private sector experience in financial services and law will also add considerably to the breadth of our management expertise," says Chief Administrative Officer, James Ridge.


Ms. Eckenfelder assumes her new position with the District on September 19, 2005.

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