

Subject: [Fwd: District Hall "art"- a horror show]

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Dear Mr. Ridge

While attending a meeting at District Hall last evening, I was extremely upset to be subjected to the offensive "art display" in the front foyer area of the building. As I needed to use the washroom, I had no choice about it.

Who made the decision that this type of material - depicting multiple images of guns, most superimposed on female forms, most of which are garbed in underwear or appear to be naked - is appropriate in as public a setting as District Hall?

Several women, including myself, all strongly felt the images depict, and perhaps celebrate, violence against women. Done in a somewhat erotic fashion.

This type of material is not appropriate in a place where people are subjected to it, without warning, and without their consent. District Hall is just such a place. People will come across it on their way into the mayor's office, into council meetings (where it can be viewed from inside those meetings), into the clerk's office, and even on their way to the bathroom.

And as a parent, I have strong feelings about perhaps "running into it" with my nine year old son. I do bring him into the hall from time to time. In fact, he has been there twice in the last few weeks. I should not have to be concerned about going ahead of him, to see if offensive materials such as this current display are in view. Surely District Hall should be a "safe place" for all our residents.

I want to add that it also offends me, as a Christian, that this material is to be on display at District Hall over the Good Friday and Easter period. It seems to fly in the face of the lovely and meaningful nativity scene on display at Christmas!

I would like a fast response from whoever at the hall should deal with this. I would like to see these images removed immediately. If it takes weeks, and a "political" decision, I'll be very unhappy.

I hope I'm not the only person who has taken the time to complain about this. I look forward to a reply.

And thank you for your attention to this.
Cathy Adams