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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

During the recent Riverside Slide debacle, yet another District success story and this time costing a life, plus a couple of dozens of homeless people give or take a few, I got a call from the CBC in Toronto. In return for a promise to do a show on the District Waterfront issue, I gave them some material going back to THE 1979 SLIDE which was the first disaster in the same area.

The CBC followed through on it's promise and recently did a show which was televised. You remember the Waterfront Task Force a few years ago don't you? It had been set up by the District to make recommendations as to how the Waterfront belonging to the public could be put to public use. The issue went to referendum. It was defeated 48% versus 52 %. The defeat was the doing of the CCA - a special interest civic party spending a huge amount of money and lying its way through the election. The CCA was committed not only to defeat the Task Force Recommendations but also all the Councillors who supported the idea of opening the waterfront to the public.

Glynis Dearing-Robb, who was a Councillor at the time of the referendum and had previously chaired the Task Force, will be remembered for her hard work and valour in the face of the CCA and so will Maureen Bragg now the chair of the Lynn Valley Community Association. Also remembered will be David Sadler, Corrie Kost, Brian Platts and others. Needless to say, following the defeat of the pro public waterfront access, the recommendations of the TASK FORCE were never implemented, not even a fraction of them, even though 48% of the public had voted in favour.

The tape recently made by the CBC makes very good educational material. It is also a reminder that there is still work to be done by the good people of the District. A copy of the tape may be obtained from Corrie Kost at maybe \$ 2 dollars. If you are homeless, you might even get it for less. Corrie's phone number is 604-988-6615.

Cheers and always remember this, the sell out artists have their day but in the end the people always win - always.

Ernie Crist



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