

Subject: Notice Of Motion-setting up a Special Committee to establish criteria to display Art objects in the DNV Municipal Hall and public buildings-Ernie Crist

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Notice of Motion - To establish a Special Committee of Council to establish criteria for the display of art objects in the Municipal Hall and in other Municipal Public Buildings in the District of North Vancouver - Report Councillor Crist.

Whereas paintings by one particular artist recently displayed in the District Hall resulted in complaints primarily from one person who found these paintings offensive and unsuitable to be exhibited in a public building and

Whereas the suitability of paintings and other Art objects to be displayed in the Municipal Hall is based on subjective criteria (beauty is in the eyes of the beholder) and

Whereas on the other hand the Municipal Hall is a public place where criteria of suitability are not necessarily determined by artistic merit but by subjective factors determined on what is considered "Main Flow Art" and is acceptable to the majority of people


Therefore be it resolved that Council set up a Special Committee consisting of one representative of Council, one representatives of the Arts Council, one representative of the North Vancouver Arts Commission, one District Staff member to be appointed by the Municipal Manager or the Municipal Manager himself, two representatives of FONVCA and one representative of the Arts Department of Capilano College and further be it resolved

That this Special Committee be requested to establish criteria and guidelines as to what is suitable to be exhibited in the Municipal Hall as well as in other Municipally owned Public Buildings in the District of North Vancouver and further be it resolved

That this Special Committee return recommendations to this effect to District Council by no later than June 15,2005 and further be it resolved

That the City of North Vancouver be invited to send an observer to the meetings of this Special Committee and further be it resolved

That the paintings currently exhibited in the Municipal Hall which in the opinion of this one person are unsuitable to be displayed in the Municipal Hall be removed until such time when the report from this Special Committee is returned to Council and a decision pertaining to this issue has been made.

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