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HOW CAN YOU BE A LEADER IF YOU ARE CLUELESS AND IRRESPONSIBLE.

A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

How can you be a Leader when you don't know the difference between a Regional Car Mall and a Pedestrian Oriented Town Center, if you don't know the difference between a car and a pedestrian? How can you be a Leader if you don't understand the difference between a community driven plan and a developer driven plan - if you don't know that public recreation is part and parcel of preventive health care and that it's function is to provide programs for the maximum benefit of the maximum number people at minimum cost.

How can you be a leader if you don't know that the first priority of a public servant is to protect community assets and when, instead of protecting those assets, you allow them to deteriorate to a point beyond repair. How can you be a Leader if you vote for a \$ 425,000 per unit market housing project contrary to an existing community plan just because the developer told you that this is affordable housing?

How can you be a Leader if you don't know the difference between a building of 80,000 square feet containing a Library and community space and a building of 40,000 square feet containing no community space and if you think that a building of 3,500 square feet is a community center.

How can you be a Leader when you subsidise another jurisdiction which is richer than you are, has lower taxes than you have, has its Heritage Fund intact while yours is gone and has its Infrastructure Reserve Fund intact, while yours is gone and yet you continue to subsidise this particular jurisdiction while depriving your own people of needed facilities and services for lack of money.

How can you be a Leader if you don't know the difference between a Heritage Fund earning interest and a revolving fund. When you don't know the difference between operating Funds and Capital Funds and always get the two mixed up because you have absolutely no business principles. When you announce that a 10% increase in taxes is only a 5 % increase because you have taken money already committed for the following year's budget and shifted it over temporarily to this year just to look better when you have been told that it must be replaced after the election is over. How can you be a Leader if morally you are so bankrupt that you accuse one of your colleagues of stealing from the public just because he DOES know the difference.

How can you be a Leader when you refuse to reorganise one of your departments on a proven model such as Parkgate, even though it is more efficient and would save large amounts of money - when you have 3 different administrations for a department instead of only one (the Arts) just because you don't know how to run a business efficiently.


How can you be a Leader when you set up a joint Alpine Recreation Plan with other levels of government for the whole of the North Shore but

proceed with the implementation of the plan by spending large sums of taxpayers money before you even establish the principles of partnership with the other government jurisdictions.

How can you be a Leader when you are just plain inept, incompetent, clueless and irresponsible and when inside the span of 10 years you have managed to increase taxes from the lowest in the region to the highest while in addition you have used up hundreds of millions of dollars of your Reserve Funds set aside for other purposes with the result that they are gone.

Quote from Catch 22.

"The group was distinguished by its mediocrity - they were all mediocre except one who was more mediocre than the others who were mediocre, but all those who were mediocre praised him who was more mediocre than they were for he was their leader". Catch 22.

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