

Subject: RE: Mayor's remarks at Monday 17th.meeting

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Dear Mr. Burns:

I thank you for clarifying this matter. However, I must tell you that I was not swayed by Mayor Harris' comments, indeed I never am since I do not take the comments of any CCA endorsed member of District Council at face value. Janice Harris was definitely endorsed not only by the CCA special interest civic party but also by NET, another civic party. The CCA, if you remember was formed specifically to prevent the implementation of the Waterfront Task Force Recommendations.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

From: George Burns [<mailto:georgeburns8@shaw.ca>]
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2005 5:11 PM
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Dear members of council:

After reviewing audiotape of this meeting it became clear that:

- 1) Mayor Harris implied that I have an interest in promoting a commercial product, a "special product" and that this is the reason for supporting Ms.McKeown Holmes Grafitti task force.
- 2) I hereby challenge the Mayor to explain which product she was referring to.
- 3) There is no connection whatsoever between my interest as a citizen to clear up grafitti because it is the precursor of more serious crime and any commercial interest.

As a matter of fact the company I work for has offered to donate up to \$5,000.- to help with the Task Force and "unleash me" to engage the rest of the business community in doing likewise so that the municipality would not have to foot additional expense .

The company I work for is Reliance Insurance Agencies Ltd.whose owner Jim Ball (past president of the BC brokers association and the Canadian Brokers Association) lives in the District and recently lost a 23 yr.old son (suicide) who had become addicted to drugs at an early age (crystal meth) and could not shake it.

Gangs who use grafitti to mark territory are being used more and more by organized crime to distribute drugs due to the velvet glove treatment they receive under the Youth Offenders Act.


I became involved with crime prevention 20 years ago when a Molotov Cocktail was thrown through the classroom window of my son's elementary school and nobody was willing to catch the perpetrators (London,Ontario).They were caught and we had a totally crime free environment around the school ever since.

Showing determination on the grafitti issue is the beginning of the end for these punks and I aim to lead the charge in our area in this regard.

- 4) What is clear is that the Mayor used totally incorrect and misleading facts to sway majority of council in voting against this initiative. Although there is not enough meat in her remarks to warrant a slander lawsuit, all of you should ask what right the Mayor has to use these tacticts to defeat a motion that would clearly benefit all of us (the community at large).

- 5) You probably should request a new hearing as an agenda item on this issue and I promise to stay on as long as necessary to address it

personally.
Respectfully, George

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