

Subject: FW: Notice of Motion - Submitted by Councillor Ernie Crist;
Date: Sat, 10 Sep 2005 00:11:47 -0700
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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am asking for your individual written support of my motion printed below. I am asking that you write a letter to that effect to the Mayor and Council. The motion is self explanatory. I am certain you will agree that the actions of Mayor Janice Harris regarding this incident constitute a serious violation and infringement of the fundamental democratic rights of an elected official to voice an opinion during a public debate of Council.

I am not asking for your support because it was an insult to me personally. I am asking because this punitive action by Mayor Harris, if allowed to stand, puts civic democracy at risk. Her action, was NOT as claimed in the official minutes of the District in line with her powers spelled out in the Municipal Charter. Neither are such powers evident in the District Procedure Bylaw. This is especially true since she refused to even call for a vote of Council on August 22,2005. Her action is an affront to every single elector in this community.


In light of this, I ask for your written support in requesting that Mayor Janice Harris rescind her action and acknowledge her error in line with the motion below and do so in public.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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> *From:* Ernie Crist
> *Sent:* Friday, September 09, 2005 10:52 PM
> *To:* Agnes Hilsen; Nathalie Valdes; James Ridge; Dennis Back; Mayor
> and Council - DNV
> *Subject:* Notice of Motion - Submitted by Councillor Ernie Crist;
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> *Notice of Motion - Councillor Crist*
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> *Whereas, at the Regular Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers*
> *in the District of North Vancouver on August 22, 2005 during public*
> *debate, in connection with the Lynn Valley "Pedestrian Oriented Town*
> *Center" and Community Plan, Councillor Crist used the word "hoax" and*
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> *Whereas Mayor Harris challenged Councillor Crist to withdrew this word*
> *or leave the Council Chambers and*
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> *Whereas Councillor Crist refused to do so and, in turn, brought to the*
> *attention of the Mayor that her ruling was illegal and, in addition*
> *challenged the Mayor to put this matter to a vote of Council, and*
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> *Whereas the Mayor, in violation of procedure, refused to do so and*
> *instead continued to insist that Councillor Crist withdraw the word*
> *"hoax" and/or leave the Council Chambers, and*
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> *Whereas the word "hoax", is a noun in the English Language which is*
> *neither an "expletive", "invective" nor an "emphatic" under any*
> *circumstance and, as such, falls within accepted parliamentary usage,*
> *and*
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> Whereas the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 22 and
> adopted on August 29 (with Councillor Crist voting against) stated
> that the Mayor acted within her powers, as laid out in the Municipal
> Charter and the North Vancouver District Procedure Bylaws, and
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> Whereas the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 22 make
> no mention of this fact nor of the fact that Councillor Crist called
> on the Mayor to call for a vote but merely states that Mayor Harris
> ruled that the comments made by Councillor Crist (hoax) is contrary
> to the rules when, in fact, this is at variance with the facts
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> Therefore be it resolved that
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> Mayor Harris be requested to publicly acknowledge
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> a) that her action in demanding that Councillor Crist withdraw the
> word "hoax" or leave the Council Chambers was made in error and
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> b) that her refusal to put this matter to a vote of Council was also
> made in error and further be it resolved that
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> c) the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of August 22 indicating
> that the Mayor was acting within her legitimate powers were also made
> in error and that therefore the minutes be changed accordingly.
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