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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST


We can all agree that each and every citizen has a duty to help the police, to be a watchdog, in a manner of speaking, and report if we, as individuals see any suspicious activities. But the District of North Vancouver has gone too far and has come up with what, in my opinion, is another hare brained scheme which will do little to address the issue and will be a godsend for people in the District workforce who can now drive around and follow "suspicious" characters instead of doing their job such as pulling weeds from the neglected boulevards and intersections, for example.

Under the new agreement CUPE workers will now be expected, not only to report "suspicious" activities whatever that means, but also follow "suspicious" looking characters around in their District vehicles while on duty to find out where these "suspicious" characters are heading which, for all I know, may be Surrey. It will give CUPE an added dimension of responsibility including PROVIDING reports, add MORE bureaucracy and produce MORE paper.

The idea, among others, came from CUPE, which in case you didn't know, is supposed to represent the interests of District employees. Ideally this should also include the unorganised employees of the District and the Recreation Commission but CUPE, for one reason or another, has been conspicuous by its absence in providing help in advancing the cause of these mostly part time employees, including students and single parents.

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