



DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH

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Dear Resident

I am writing in response to several concerned residents calling about serious misinformation in the campaign material attached. Please be assured that water pressures for fire protection are in fact at safe levels for Dean Park. The information being circulated is simply wrong. This is confirmed by our Fire Department.

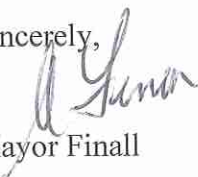
In addition, regarding the cost of sewer service, the utility billing being charged covers the sewer service operations and the small parcel tax portion covers the cost of the construction of the CRD Waste Treatment Plant. Attached is the information dating back to 1996. The accounting method prior to 2002 did not separate the costs of sewer operations from the parcel taxes. The District now separates the annual user pay utility billing into three equal portions to ease payment for users. The parcel tax is charged on the tax bill. Again, the information being circulated is wrong.

Regarding our relationship with UVic regarding Dunsmuir, I can state that our relationship is in fact very cordial. To say otherwise is wrong. We have met with UVic to discuss Dunsmuir Lodge but they have declined further discussions until their discussions with the Pauquachin First Nation have been completed. We will pursue this matter at every opportunity.

Regarding Medical Grow-Ops, again we have been actively advocating a resolution to this matter. However, given jurisdictional matters, the responses proposed by some would be illegal for the District to undertake.

I hope this information helps resolve any concerns you may have regarding the misinformation being circulated.

Sincerely,



Mayor Finall

TEAM NORTH SAANICHDEAN PARK AREA – Election Issues

1. High Cost of Sewer service – Sewer costs have increased from \$300 per year to \$495 per year since 2008. Why? These and other user fees, which have increased significantly in the past few years, understate the true increase in taxes and charges borne by residential taxpayers during the term of the current Council. So far we have not been able to get a consistent answer from the District. If you elect TEAM NORTH SAANICH we will work with a task force from Dean Park to investigate these taxes and charges, and, if possible, find ways to reduce them.
2. Dunsmuir Lodge – used to be a tremendous asset to the community. Now it is being left to crumble from neglect. The community used to have the use of the walking trails, parking lot, restaurant, bar, meeting and classroom spaces, etc. The basic problem is that relations have soured between UVic, the owners, and the District of North Saanich to the point where there is no communication, cooperation, or any effort to develop a joint vision of what the property could become. TEAM NORTH SAANICH has the connections to re-open that dialogue with the UVic Board of Governors. Within the District, we have several former members of the UVic Board, the current Chancellor and at least one large recent donor to the university. Be assured, UVic will talk to us, where others have failed.
3. Medical Grow – Ops – We are all familiar with the problems associated with grow-ops in residential neighbourhoods: crime, electrical fire hazard, traffic, absentee owners, devaluation of neighbouring properties, to name a few. TEAM NORTH SAANICH believes that grow-ops, of any kind, definitely do not belong in residential neighbourhoods. The federal legislation governing medical grow-ops is under review by the federal government at the present time. The District should be making strong representation directly, and through our senior elected representatives, to make necessary changes. Grow-ops should be restricted to agricultural zones. In any case, in the short term, the District should be controlling the grow-ops through such means as the Home Occupation Bylaw, business licences, electrical inspection, and other means at our disposal.
4. Water Pressure – those houses with the least pressure, at the top of the hill, are probably at the greatest risk of damage by fire due to inadequate pressure. TEAM NORTH SAANICH will direct engineering staff to investigate means of increasing pressure to safe levels.

If you are tired of the same old run-around, and want an action-oriented Council, we urge you to vote for TEAM NORTH SAANICH:

Dunstan Browne	250 655-4811
Ted Izard	250 656-0647
Conny McBride	250 655-3648
Craig Mearns	250 656-1173

<u>Advance Poll:</u>	Wednesday, November 9,	8:00 am to 8:00 pm,	North
Saanich Municipal Hall			
<u>General Voting Day:</u>	Saturday, November 16,	8:00 am to 8:00 pm,	North
Saanich Municipal Hall			

YEAR	TAXES	UTILITY BILLING	TOTAL
1996	410.00	0.00	410.00
1997	410.00	0.00	410.00
1998	410.00	0.00	410.00
1999	410.00	0.00	410.00
2000	241.00	0.00	241.00
2001	298.00	0.00	298.00
2002	95.00	225.00	320.00
2003	107.50	225.00	332.50
2004	119.60	225.00	344.60
2005	108.46	300.00	408.46
2006	82.00	300.00	382.00
2007	82.00	300.00	382.00
2008	66.00	300.00	366.00
2009	58.00	330.00	388.00
2010	71.34	405.90	477.24
2011	77.24	495.00	572.24