

KERRY MORRIS

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City of North Vancouver

141 West 1st Street
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Attention: Ms. Karla Graham, Mayor Mussatto and Council

Dear Sir/Madame:

On Monday May 11th 2015, during the public segment of the City's weekly council meeting, Councillor Craig Keating made a series of statements. Those statements have been reported by several local newspapers. A video recording of those statements is available at the following link: <https://vimeo.com/127739830>

At one point in Councillor Keating's 'Tirade' he went so far as to drop my name, making it clear to everyone in attendance, and those who have subsequently watched the tape, that he was accusing me of the various 'mis-deeds' to which he was calling attention.

Councillor Keating's claims that I am the author, distributor or in some way source or sponsor of various comics posted to social media together with his allegations that through these comics I have conducted a campaign of Bullying, Harassment and Intimidating of staff, were wrongly assigned. What I did not know, as I listened with shock to these allegations, was that councillor Keating had an email in his possession that night from the comics author, and he new full-well at the time he brought these accusations that he was wrongly attributing creation and distribution of these comics to me.

Every single person with whom I have spoken since that May 11th 2015 council meeting believes Councillor Keating was levelling his accusatory 'Tirade' at me. Further, they believe that his use of my name in the midst of his tirade was purposefully intended to distinguish me as the source of the mis-deeds and the subject matter of his accusations.

Councillor Keating is quoted in both the North Shore News and the North Van City News as saying *"I can think of one person in particular who regularly makes appearances at the public table after having posted on social media what can only be described as vicious, bullying, intimidating attacks on city staff," Keating said before pulling out editorial cartoons and posts from social media suggesting staff had been inept, dishonest or corrupt."*

One news agency went on to state: *"It is no secret that Mr. Keating refers to Kerry Morris in this particular instance..."*. Mr. Brent Richter of the North Shore News also stated in his interview process with me *'...they were referring to you...'*.

With everyone who has had the opportunity to see, read or hear the allegations brought against me by Councillor Keating believing the intended target of those accusations was Kerry Morris, and knowing full well through an email that I am in fact not connected with the various cartoons to which Councillor Keating's 'Rant' made reference, I believe councillor Keating owes me a full and unequivocal apology.

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I respectfully request that councillor Keating provide me with an apology for his accusations and wrongful conduct alleging me as the source of all those comics and conduct to which he made reference in his now famous Tirade.

I further request that he make that public apology in the same council venue as he levelled these false accusations, and that he do so during the next session of City Council during the publicly video taped segment.

In the event that councillor Keating refuses to make that apology, then I request that his worship Mayor Darrell Mussatto order councillor Keating to make that apology.

I would remind the Mayor that during that same May 11th 2015 council meeting he stated that all inappropriate conduct by any member of council or the public will not be tolerated. How councillor Keating was allowed to make such improper allegations against a resident and taxpayer while remaining unchecked by the Mayor's oversight is a separate issue. But in any event, the Mayor's claim that improper conduct will not be tolerated compels him to Order that councillor Keating make a full and complete and genuine apology, where it is not willingly forthcoming from councillor Keating without that Order.

In the event that the apology is genuine and unequivocal, made on the record and posted to the City's council website as part of that council meeting, then I will consider this matter ended, at which point I will waive any further process.

If councillor Keating refuses apology, and Mayor Mussatto refuses to order councillor Keating to make the full and formal repair as requested, then I will be compelled to have this matter move to an alternative venue. I truly hope this will not become necessary for it would disclose terribly poor management of City and personal resources, not to mention exposing the Mayor to ridicule for taking a less than balanced approach to councillor conduct.

Respectfully,

"Kerry Morris"

Kerry Morris

Attach: Video LinkS - <https://vimeo.com/127739830> Keating Rant
<https://vimeo.com/127739293> Morris Defend Democracy