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Subject: Finance Cmte/Budget 2009

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Dear Mayor and Councillors:

re Budget Input Meeting Mar 30th and Finance Cmte

Because of queries wrt the proposed 2009 Budget and the role of the Finance Cmte as well as its comments and advice on the budget some hoped for at the budget input meeting Monday March 30th, I went to the DWV website (copy and pasted below).

It was astonishing to hear that the Committee had not seen the draft budget (released Mar 2nd) and would not have a meeting before March 30th to review it.

Cclr Smith said Monday night finances are the essence of Council's stewardship so it's good to see he is on the committee and said he would be speaking on the 30th. Cclr Lewis is listed as a member below, not a council liaison. No chair is mentioned.

It would indeed be a pity if Council and the community were not to have the benefit of the views of this fine group of experts selected regarding issues of finance, even if individually.

DWV Finance Cmte Webpage - noon March 25

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Membership

The Committee will consist of six members of the community (with some expertise/background in the policy issues under review); at least one Council liaison member; and senior Finance and other staff as appropriate to facilitate and support the work of the Committee. A quorum shall be 4 members of the Committee.

Council Members - John Clark, Michael Smith

Citizen Members - Michael Lewis, Paul Tutsch, David Ayriss, Nancy Farran, Robert Paterson

Staff Liaison - Barbara Wood, Manager of Financial Reporting, 604.925.7084

Purpose

The Finance Committee provides recommendations regarding the budget, financial policy and process issues to Council... The Committee provides comment and advice, consistent with its advisory role.

Duties

Committee members may review and comment on annual and long-term budgets, and quarterly financial reports,...

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Yours thoughtfully,

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