

# You can bring direct democracy to the District of North Vancouver

Direct democracy means being able to have a say on civic issues between elections through non-binding citizen-initiated referenda.

If direct democracy had been in place since the last election you might have had a say on such issues as:

- | **How our \$150 million Heritage Fund was (mis)used.**
- | **The 30% pay increase councillors voted for themselves.**
- | **Subsidizing the City of North Van & School Maintenance.**
- | **Public transportation improvements.**
- | **Secondary Suites.**
- | **Any of the important issues in between elections!**

In 1999, the District set up a Task Force to study the benefits of direct democracy as a process for improving local government. The Task Force concluded that direct democracy would serve local residents better than the present system. It would keep Council accountable to the public all the time, not just once every three years.

The Task Force asked Council to draft a bylaw that would enable citizens to initiate a referendum by a petition supported by 5% of eligible voters - presently some 2500 signatures. Given this percentage, the new bylaw would generate about one referendum per year, costing less than a cup of coffee per household.

The candidates below support having a referendum to let the **people decide** if they want **direct democracy**.

Where direct democracy has been operating for some time (Saskatchewan since 1984) it has prevented back room decision making, improved citizen involvement, increased voter satisfaction, and restored confidence in local government and the political process. For more information on Direct Democracy visit:

[www.yourpolitician.com](http://www.yourpolitician.com)  
[www.npsnet.com/cdd](http://www.npsnet.com/cdd)  
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**Vote for the independent candidates who support direct democracy**

**Ernie Crist, Joan Gadsby, Marcel Loretan,  
Pat Munroe, Dave Sadler, Albert Weisstock**

Give democracy a chance. Vote for the above independent candidates for the District of North Vancouver on Saturday November 20. This ad was paid for by:



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