

Re: Article Entitled "Land Profits Rapped"
The Vancouver Sun, May 6, 1974

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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 43

COUNCIL MEETING June 10/74

Council, at its meeting of May 6, 1974, requested the Municipal Manager to seek clarification from the Honourable N. Levi, Minister of Human Resources, regarding the attached copy of the above-noted newspaper article in which the Minister is reported to have said that the Province is considering methods of preventing municipalities from making a profit on the sale of municipally-owned housing lots.

Following is a copy of a letter dated May 27, 1974, to the Manager from the Minister of Human Resources with respect to the newspaper report.

This is for the information of Council.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF
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MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

VICTORIA

May 27th, 1974

Mr. Melvin J. Shelley
Municipal Manager
The Corporation of the District of Burnaby
Municipal Hall
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, British Columbia

Dear Mr. Shelley:

I refer to your letter of May 9th, 1974. While it would be of little advantage for me to say I was misquoted, I will attempt to remember what I did say.

I was at a public meeting in Prince Rupert and said I thought that to allow municipalities to sell land at an excessive price was simply adding to the inflationary problem, and that we should be encouraging municipalities to develop the land so that it can be rented as service lots and if this was not being done, we should do something about it. Quite simply, I was not enunciating Government policy but expressing a personal opinion.

It is always difficult to recap a statement made, but to the best of my recollection, that was what I said.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Norman Levi".

NORMAN LEVI
Minister

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Sun Staff Reporter

PRINCE RUPERT — The provincial government is considering methods of preventing municipalities from making a profit on the sale of municipally-owned housing, lots, Human Resources Minister Norm Levi said Friday.

He said in an interview that one method would be legislation requiring municipalities to lease serviced housing land, as the government is now doing, rather than selling.

Levi told a public meeting that some municipalities see the sale of serviced housing lots as a source of revenue and "we are in the process of making decisions about this."

One municipality in the Lower Mainland is selling serviced lots for \$20,000 each, said Levi. He later identified it as the city of North Vancouver.