

*Record July 28/16*  
**Bias not a dirty word,**

## **says ex-councillor**

Dear editor,

'Shakesides never stood a chance'

This letter in the today's *Record* disturbs me as a citizen of Comox. We do not always agree on issues - this is human nature and it would be a boring world if we all thought the same way.

However, when we don't agree that doesn't mean we must attack the integrity of the other side. There is no doubt in my mind that when the Comox council named the members of the Advisory Council on the Mack Laing house, they did so in such a way that took in various backgrounds and expertise.

To insinuate that two of these members were chosen with blackmail in mind (vote

our way or you don't get funds) is blatantly disgusting. Only someone who might want to do the same could come up with that.

I served on council for two terms and during that time I helped found the Comox Archives and Museum and we received no money from the town for a long time (we did get free rent).

I can never recall a time when my fellow citizens serving on council ever thought of tying their decisions to support achieved by blackmail. Although I have previously stated where I stand on Shakesides this is not the reason for this letter. I am only appalled that someone would try to blacken the reputations of two individuals and their organizations because they don't agree with them.

It is time that special interest groups stick to their stated goals, do their best to convince others to join and accept the outcome.

Bias works both ways - each side in this question is biased in favour of their viewpoint. This is to be expected. Bias is not a dirty word.

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