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**BISHOP**  
and **TEAM DELTA**

**Councillors united in call for mayoralty candidate  
Harvie to correct distortion**

*Chief architect now claims he “took great exception to” policy he designed*

October 9, 2018 – Delta, B.C. – A unique news conference was held today at Rotary Park in Delta where four long-serving councillors demanded that George Harvie – Delta’s retired City Manager who currently is seeking election as Mayor – immediately correct his deliberate distortion of the historic record regarding his role in developing an ‘End of Service Benefit.’

Harvie prepared and submitted – with his signature affixed – a report to Council in December 2016 that recommended a financial benefit be paid to the Mayor and councillors upon their departure from Council.

Now that he is campaigning for elective office, however, Harvie has changed his tune. He recently submitted a statement to the *Delta Optimist* newspaper in which he said the End of Service Benefit “was a policy I took great exception to.”

Harvie also wrote in the *Optimist* that “one of the key reasons I’m running for Mayor of Delta is that I don’t agree with the golden handshake.”

The four councillors who participated in today’s news conference demand that Harvie immediately set straight the record, apologize to Delta voters and residents for misrepresenting the facts, and promptly bring an end to his campaign of dishonesty and misrepresentation.

Incumbents Jeannie Kanakos and Bruce McDonald are seeking re-election to Council as members of a slate called ‘Independents Working for You.’

Sylvia Bishop, a two-term councillor now vying to become Mayor, and Robert Campbell, an incumbent seeking re-election to Council, are campaigning under the banner of ‘Team Delta.’

Harvie is atop a slate of candidates named ‘Achieving for Delta.’

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**Backgrounder attached**

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## BACKGROUNDER

The facts regarding Delta's 'End of Service Benefit' are as follows.

- George Harvie presented to Council – with his signature affixed – a report dated December 14, 2016 that recommended the establishment of “a Council Service Benefit” to be paid upon the conclusion of a Council member's time on Council.
- The report specifically stated that the contents therein had been “endorsed” by Harvie.
- The *Delta Optimist* reported on May 25, 2018 that “the council service benefit was a recommendation in a report authored by former CAO George Harvie that also contained a recommendation for the most recent council raises.”
- The *North Delta Reporter* reported on June 7, 2018, “The [council service] benefit ... was first put forward in December of 2016 by staff.”
- There is no record of Harvie objecting to the published reports in either the *Delta Optimist* or the *North Delta Reporter*.
- On October 5, 2018, in the midst of an election campaign in which he is seeking public office, Harvie claimed the council-service benefit “was a policy I took great exception to.” Harvie also declared that “one of the key reasons I’m running for Mayor of Delta is that I don’t agree with the golden handshake.”