

NORTH BAY TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

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To the Editor

Who is setting the priorities at City Hall? In the April 10th Nugget I read Mayor MacDonald's response to a letter from a Welland resident expressing disappointment in the cancellation of the Country Open contest, yet he refuses to respond to questions and concerns voiced by his own constituents. The residents of North Bay are disappointed too.... disappointed that we are still in the dark about where the \$16.2 million was spent at Memorial Gardens. Why isn't the cost report for the Gardens' overrun being released publicly? We continue to be disappointed that the Operational Review promised by Mr. Knox is now 7 months overdue. We are more than disappointed that the third party report, authorized by Council in July of 2013, to correct major problems in the Public Works department has not been completed. This report, which was estimated to cost \$50-\$100 thousand dollars, means that the problems in that department continue today. It makes one wonder what the managers being paid to run these departments are really accomplishing.

Sweeping bad news under the rug does not make it go away. City Hall must have a very big rug.

By all means respond politely to the Welland resident because that is good public relations for the City but ignoring the people who vote in a municipal election is a really bad idea. Maybe Mr. MacDonald is planning to run for Mayor in Welland.

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