

## **Text of Letter to the Nugget regarding April 3<sup>rd</sup> presentation to council**

Once again Mayor McDonald has demonstrated his tendency to use his office to control the message reaching the citizens of North Bay regarding city operations.

Following a presentation by our Association to council last evening, the mayor chose to ignore the requirements of Procedural By-law #2011-186 which states that questions put to presenters are to be for clarification only.

Once again citizens have been reminded that they are not welcome in council and their views will receive no consideration unless those views correspond to maintaining the status quo.

Once again the mayor has demonstrated the illusion of the open door policy presented to the public by City Hall.

Our presentation was made to point out to the public and to council members that the mayor has misled the public regarding Moody's opinion on the Mayor's Plan to use borrowed funds to pay for operating expenses and other things.

In an attempt to discredit the Association and myself, the mayor actually took the opportunity to read personal e-mails sent to him and others by myself.

The mayor avoided answering a direct question concerning his failure to publically disclose assessment of the Mayor's Plan.

At the meeting the mayor read sections from Moody's report to attempt to support his view that the city is operating in a fiscally responsible manner but at the same time refused to acknowledge that Moody's thinks the Mayor's Plan has no redeeming features.

Our Association will continue to highlight the city's attempt to massage information being offered to the public as factual and continue to address the actions by the mayor and council which benefit city hall instead of the taxpayers of North Bay.