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## **A Democracy Refresher Course for Gord Robinson and Charlie Trim**

Let's remind you what democracy means since your actions on the incinerator issue, and your actions during the campaign finances audit of your former boss make it clear you've forgotten.

We, the voters, elect you to reflect the will of the people - us - the voters. The idea is that instead of thousands of people showing up to each meeting, we send our representative (you) who tells them what we want, and you vote as we tell you. This makes meetings a lot smaller since you are OUR spokesman. You are not our parent who "knows what's best for us" and tells us when our bedtime is - you are our paid employee to do what WE tell YOU. If you think we're wrong or you know better - tough potatoes - we're adults and have the right to make mistakes and live with them. Somehow, you've gotten the roles reversed here in your head. You can't ignore us, you can't ignore our correspondence, you can't "get even" with us when we don't do what you want, and when we tell you how WE want YOU to vote on subjects like the incinerator - you do what you're told to do by the majority of the people who put you there. We don't really care what you think, you do what WE think. When WE clearly tell YOU to vote "NO" - then you vote "NO" as our representative - and you don't change that vote for any reason unless WE reconsider and tell you to change your vote. You must have a ton of conceit when literally thousands of the people you're supposed to represent tell you to vote "no" but you totally ignore them to say "yes". It looks like you're saying you know better than all of us, but what's really happening is you've stolen something from us - we have the right to make a decision about this issue, since it directly affects us, and you stole our decision and replaced it with your own. How about WE'RE RIGHT about whether we want an incinerator in our backyard and YOU'RE WRONG - did that ever occur to you when it's a thousand to one? We expect you to represent our will, stop wasting our money, obey the law, behave in a manner open and honest, and protect democracy to the best of your ability. Protecting democracy is far more than getting paid to give flowery speeches at the cenotaph each Remembrance Day.

Grow up - or preferably quit and let someone who actually understands the concept of "public servant" and "democracy" do the job.

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