

June 10, 2019: Councillor Bill Evans responds to Councillor Phinney's remarks about town staff:

I long time ago decided that it was very important not to let certain statements go unchallenged lest people think there was agreement. So, that unfortunate criticism of the staff that I have learned to respect for their competence and hard work...hearing someone criticize them is offensive to me. I think it's inappropriate and I certainly do not agree with it. I have the utmost respect for the competency of the staff and also their hard work.

This [Phase III of the Lorne St. Project] is a priority that council established. This is a plan that council approved. We are doing something that we said we were going to do when we approved it, but weren't able to afford to do. Now that money's available, we are expressing interest in getting that money. This is an obvious thing to do and to sit here and take cheap shots at staff who are not in a position to defend themselves is inappropriate and I'm offended and I wanted to say my piece to make sure that nobody thinks I agree with it.