

Incorrect Statements in “Ambling waves of grey” by Steve Heywood, PQB News, June 1, 2012

My name, Warren Munroe, and Munroe, appears several (4) times in an article found on the front page of the June 1, 2012 edition of the PQB News titled “Ambling waves of grey”, referred to below.

Sentences in blue contain my name, with underlined portions commented upon in Appendix B – Corrections to Statements in “Ambling waves of grey” PQB News, June 1, 2012. Red lettering highlights the difference between what Mr. Heywood claims Mr. Munroe said and what the 2011 Census shows.

The article “*Ambling waves of grey*” by Steve Heywood, PQB News, June 1, 2012 contains the following:

“He [Mayor Westbrook] pointed to recent statistics shown to him by Warren Munroe, a local, amateur statistician. Westbrook said Munroe’s figures show more young families are moving to Qualicum Beach.”

‘Since I’ve been mayor, for the last 12 years, more younger families have bene [sic] moving in,” Westbrook said. “This is being seen in elementary schools. But it does take 18 years for a child to get to Grade 12.”

The census figures do appear to bear out documentation through School District 69 (Qualicum) that at the high school level, there are currently fewer students. Declining enrolment, as a result, led to controversial discussions about the closure of Kwalikum Secondary School. At that time, Munroe had come to prominence in questioning the official numbers.

“It’s not true that the area is losing youth,” Westbrook continued, noting that more current stats from Munroe show enrolment is recovering faster than those figures from the school district from close to two years ago.”

However, the official census numbers show that the town lost 260 working age (15 to 64) people over the last five years, compared to an increase of 289 in Parksville.”