



DRYDEN

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Mayor's statement regarding recent Integrity Commissioner Reports

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At the May 25th City of Dryden's Council meeting, three Integrity Commissioner reports regarding Councillor Noel were brought forward for Council approval. The first was a complaint by a resident who alleged that Councillor Noel 'invited him outside to fight, used abusive language, and made comments that the Complainant interpreted as threats of future physical violence.' The resident was concerned for his safety. The Integrity Commissioner found that this was a private matter and not a Council matter subject to our Code of Conduct. The resident reported this event to the O.P.P.

The second report found that Councillor Noel violated the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act by bringing forward discussion on a matter that he had a monetary interest in. The Integrity Commissioner found that Councillor Noel's discussion in reference to his Judicial Review application against the City of Dryden urging Councillors to stop spending money on our defence was a breach of the Act.

The third report was a complaint brought forward by Council that Councillor Noel had violated our Code of Conduct. The Integrity Commissioner ultimately dismissed the complaint, however I continue to believe that Councillor Noel used demeaning language and brought forward unsubstantiated accusations against staff, which are not appropriate in our Council Chambers and not what our citizens should expect from their Council members.

I urge our citizens to read the three reports on the City website and judge for themselves the appropriateness of Councillor Noel's behaviour. I also urge Councillor Noel, who last year was found to have bullied and harassed staff members by an independent investigator, to take Respectful Workplace training as directed by Council so he can attend Council in person.

Respectfully submitted,
Mayor Jack Harrison

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