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Subject: RH resident comments on new mayor options - 2021

Hi to all,

The behaviour of the current RH city council is beyond comprehension. Their council meetings are a great study of how not to conduct yourselves in a public setting. You have been a total embarrassment for the residents you vowed to represent and now a laughing stock at the national level.

Will a new mayor make any difference? Will the regional and ward councillors accept the results of a by-election or an appointment or a draw from a hat? Or will the councillors unhappy with the results continue this deplorable behaviour? Your residents are beyond frustrated and feel helpless to right this problem council that will sink the city.

You have asked for feedback from the residents on how to get a new mayor. Here are my comments for your consideration.

- 1) My premise is that no matter who becomes the new mayor (current council member or otherwise), the council will remain in shambles because the losers will be bitter and unhappy. So just save the costs of a by-election and potentially the domino-effect of 1 or more by-elections to replace the regional/ward councillors moving up. We are talking half a MILLION dollars for the mayor by-election, and multiply this by 2 or 3, and the total could be upwards of 1.5 million dollars with no change for the better.
- 2) At a recent council meeting, there was a motion passed to manage the mayoral seat in the absence of the mayor and/or deputy mayor. Why not pass another motion/by-law to apply this method until the 2022 election? In fact, since the current deputy mayor is not respected by some, adjust it to move straight to the roster of ward councillors with the Ward 1 Councillor added to the end of the roster if needed.
- 3) In summary, I don't agree with spending half a million dollars and more for no positive change in the council as a whole (see point #1). Instead work with what you have (see point #2) at no cost to the public purse. The 2022 election starts just around the corner, and you will have a few months to demonstrate why you still deserve our votes.

If I still have your attention, I would say to each councillor to be independent thinkers and represent your own residents and your city with honour and honesty. Recent shifts in the power struggle at city council will tell you your alliances are tenuous at best. Perception and actions speak volumes. Remember why you chose public service and remember what you vowed to do.

Thank you,

Y. Wong (RH resident of 20+ years)