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Subject: Fw: City council correspondence

Hello

We have not received a response..

From: Rita Irwin <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14 (1)>

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We would like this correspondence to be included in an upcoming agenda.

Oshawa city council

We are writing concerning the city council meeting of January 19th,2023. First, we would like to express our relief about the new fire fighter's city council has finally approved. As Councilor Lee stated that there were no new hires for almost ten years and we believe that is why Oshawa needed to hire so many all at once.

During the meeting Councillor Tito-Dante Marimpietri stated " What is the number that we need, it keeps changing. So we are in the situation we are in today. This is a result of us not being honest with each other and saying what we need. "

Also, during the same meeting Councilor Gray stated "The former City Manager was touting this a solution because it meant we only had to have two firefighters. Why do we now have to have four instead of two. Thats a big change. If we are going to be staffing at a level of four, versus a pumper. We might as well not have bought this vehicle and bought a pumper that supplements our force.

Three of our family members including myself, a ninety year old senior wrote five letters via Canada post to Councilor Chapman, Councilor Marks, Councilor Kerr and Councilor Giberson and none of us received a written reply. The majority of this council has done everything possible not to approve another full size suppression vehicle to its compliment, and if we are being completely honest with each other we all know the reason. If council had been told up front that four fire fighters would be needed to staff it, would this first response truck have been approved.

We spoke to the fire chief in a phone conversation several months ago expressing our concerns about the staffing of this truck and we asked him if there were going to be new firefighters hired to operate it. He told us there were going to use the staff they already had and they were not hiring any new firefighters. We feel city council was presented with incorrect information while they were voting on the Medical response Truck. Shouldn't this issue be addressed. Where is the honesty in this council....

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