

**Subject: RE: Public Input & Council Behaviour of Mayor and C. Denault**

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Dear Ms. James,

I was somewhat surprised at your impression of my conduct during council meetings. I can state categorically that I neither take cues nor instructions as to my responses or my votes regarding motions brought forward to council. You are of course entitled to your opinion, but the implication leaves me astounded as to how you would arrive at such a conclusion. I often watch the meetings on Saturday mornings and do not view my demeanor as being anything other than friendly as I would be to whomever I sat beside in the chamber. I hope that this response clarifies any misunderstanding that you may have regarding my integrity and my ability to act in good faith on the public's behalf.

Yours truly,

Heather Dunsford

-----Original Message-----

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Cathy:

The missing Clr. Denault does not want to know what the public thinks, and depending on the topic, either takes her cue from Clr. Denault or does as she's told.....at least that's my impression from the passed notes, pointed looks and, whispers in the ear between them. I wonder if they are aware how much the Shaw camera reveals?

Liz James

cathyadams@canada.com wrote:

On Sun, 13 January 2002, "John Hunter" wrote:

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> *I appreciate the excellent letter by Mr. Platts below. He was there*  
> *and*  
> *saw this spectacle too, as did many others.*  
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Thanks, Brian, For expressing what a lot of us have great concerns about. Good comments, John.

Another point about Saturday, especially for those not able to attend, is that what was advertised as "public input" starting at 10 a.m. was in fact public input, but first presentations by agencies, committees, etc. Which is fine, but a least put that info out there, so people can plan their life.

I arrived at 9:45, only to find that there was a long sign up of these bodies, all with anticipated speaking times. Of course, that schedule was soon out the door, and many agencies, etc. called were not in attendance, still.

Another concern is the ongoing problem of missing councillors, with no info as to why they are not in attendance. Saturday morning, Mayor BELL stated at the start that he did not know the status of C. Denault and Dunsford, therefore they had not let him know, even whether they would be there, but late for some reason, or why they would not be there.

Seems silly that those who watch council have to so often wonder why there are so many missed meetings, without reason, apparently. Those missing councillors then will vote on an issue, but without the public input, necessarily? Not good. Not good for our community.

Cathy

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