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DELEGATION TO CALEDON COUNCIL MAY 23 , 2023

Madam Mayor , members of Council , Staff and fellow Caledon residents

COMPLIMENT,

Firstly I would like to ~~thank~~ Councillor Meskell for his tenacity and due diligence on this matter. Without his perseverance we would probably not be where we are today.

I stand before you today to delegate in favor of both of Councillor Meskell's motions. I will be addressing both motions in 1 delegation since I do believe that they are interrelated.

I have reviewed the delegations that were presented to Council on April 25, 2023 so rather than repeat what has already been so eloquently stated by so many delegates I will be focusing on the matter at hand as to how did we get to where we are now.

Previously documented information shows that request for the the disputed MZO was initiated by our past Mayor , Mr. Thompson. Without Council consent or knowledge he did in fact , on Town Of Caledon letterhead send a letter to MPP Steven Clark requesting that the Minister use his influence to advance an MZO for said property in Tullemore ( Ward 3 ).

These motions actually have nothing to do with the location of the property or even which developer has benefited but rather the actions of Mr Thompson while in the position of the Mayor of Caledon did in fact act far beyond his legal and ethical duties .

These actions by Mr. Thompson raise all kinds of , to date unanswered questions. It is like opening Pandora's box. I am delegating today to ask some of these questions. Questions which many residents are thinking but either don't have the opportunity to ask or choose not to put themselves in the public spotlight.

Questions such as:

- who helped Mr Thompson create his letter?
- who typed the letter using Caledon letterhead?

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- the numbers quoted in Mr Thompson's letter as to the benefit to the Town. Who supplied them?
- the letter was dated 3 days after the last Council meeting before being adjourned for the Municipal election. There was obviously an Area and Regional Councillor for that Ward still in office and we are expected to believe that neither knew anything about the said letter !!
- should a Provincially elected MPP accept and act on a letter from a stated " individual " and without support or even knowledge of his own Council?
- was there any monetary exchange or incentive for requesting an expedited MZO?
- when the MZO arrived at The Town - who received it and what did they do with it?
- should the 21 residents of Caledon that are directly effected by the unannounced expansion of the original application decide to launch a Civil Law Suit against The Town Of Caledon , who is on the hook for that possible significant settlement ?

By passing both of Councillor Meskell's motions hopefully we as residents of Caledon will get answers to these and other questions which continuously circle around the actions of our previous Mayor.

In closing I would like to remind many of you sitting on our current Council , that you ran a campaign of promising accountability and transparency. Well here is an opportunity to show your constituents that it was not just political rhetoric and that you live by your promises !!

Thank you for your time.