SUBMISSION – DAVID GRANT

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL DATED APRIL 14, 2023 – ITEM 1 – ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022

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Committee: Council
Committee - council: Opposed to the recommendations
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Agenda item (number and title): Governance April 1

Service inquiry: Register as a Delegation, Submit Comments in writing
Participation preference: Via Zoom

Comments in writing: I support Ms Walsh, and the report she presented.
With respect, may I suggest that you consider a new, but related, bylaw. The number of persons who have complained to her about staff, and about lesser offenses, none of which are covered by this process, suggests that this new bylaw would consider cases of the public feeling unusually aggrieved by the actions of any senior city official. There is a strong case to be made for a new bylaw, to replace your current Integrity Bylaw.

I believe that discussion of such a new improved bylaw should begin in your Governance group. When staff obfuscate and stand in the way of transparency, in effect, they help to hide things. Deterring inappropriate actions at City Hall depends on either whistle blowers or transparency. When FIPPA requests are met with excuses instead, any crime involved might never be revealed. The best path forward would be with a new bylaw that discourages such obfuscation, both by elected persons and staff.
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