

DEPUTATION REQUEST

REGIONAL COUNCIL — SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 15, 2021

Subject: Code of Conduct Complaint - Recommendation Report

Spokesperson: Jason Cherniak

Name of Group or person(s) being represented (if applicable):

Brief summary of issue or purpose of deputation:

I am the person whose complaint led to the report. I would like to talk about the current status of the breach and how Council can ensure that the breach is remedied. This is supplemental to a written delegation that I will send shortly.

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Dear Chair, Mayors and Councillors:

RE: Regional Council – Special Meeting
Item F.1 – Code of Conduct Complaint – Recommendation Report

I was the person who complained regarding Councillor Perrelli blocking me on Twitter. I appreciate the Commissioner's detailed analysis and findings.

I am still blocked by Councillor Perrelli on Twitter even though the Commissioner found this to be "arbitrary" at paragraph 89 and a "breach of the Code of Conduct" at paragraph 90. The Commissioner also found at paragraph 84 that this was done "to silence disagreement". In paragraph 85, the Commissioner expands on this:

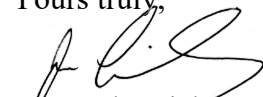
"We find that the Councillor's action in blocking the complainant on his social media account constitutes conduct which undermines the apparent transparent and open public discourse and debate on a matter of significant public interest."

Unless Councillor Perrelli unblocks me on Twitter, he will remain in violation of the Code of Conduct.

On that basis, I am asking Council to defer consideration of this matter for a reasonable length of time, perhaps two weeks, so that Councillor Perrelli will have an opportunity to unblock me from Twitter. If he does so, then no further action is needed other than a policy as recommended by the Commissioner. However, if he continues to block me, he will continue to be in breach and a sanction will likely be appropriate.

Councillor Perrelli's actions have limited my ability to remain an engaged member of the York Region community. While there are many pressing matters for this Council, public engagement and democratic process remain integral and I ask you to please ensure that this breach ends.

Yours truly,


Jason Cherniak

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