

## **Sloat leads Charge to Read Mayor's Email**

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According to the Mayor it is Mr. Sloat who is directing council to pass the motion to read the Mayor's Email. Mr. Sloat attempted to clarify this point by getting Mr. Pearce to state that Sloat wasn't the one behind the motion.

But it wasn't too hard to see which council member was leading the charge because Mr. Sloat made the debate over the motion very personal – directly attacking the Mayor and her staff. While Bartlett, Boyko and even Grice tried to find a middle ground it was clear Mr. Sloat would settle for nothing but all emails in his hands.

When Bartlett and Boyko presented the argument that no one wanted to read the Mayor's email, Sloat was clear – I want her Emails.

Mr. Sloat presented the argument that somehow he was missing events in his riding because the Mayor was REFUSING to keep him informed. This is where Mr. Sloat made it personal when he implied that the Mayor was lying to Council. He challenged the Mayor with quotes from her staff that appear to go against the statement made by the Mayor.

Mr. Sloat's argument was he missed an event that the Mayor went to and that was because she didn't give him the email. The Mayor's answer is that her staff forwards all emails that are either labelled Mayor & Councilor or includes a request to another council member.

I guess Mr. Sloat didn't think that maybe this event he is so concerned about didn't have his name on it in the email. Maybe the person who invited the Mayor didn't include Mr. Sloat's name and that is why he didn't get a copy.

Mr. Sloat is an experienced council member and I would ask why he cannot get people in his riding to email him directly instead of going through the Mayor? He does have an email account so why not ask why the person in his riding failed to email Mr. Sloat directly – maybe because Mr. Sloat wasn't invited.

What is truly telling about this is that NOT ONE councillor backed up Mr. Sloat's claim.

Of all the local Governments in Canada are we to believe the problem of email is so bad in Haldimand that Council had to do what no other Government has ever done – force all email to/from the mayor to be shared with council?

Not one other councillor stood and listed out even one example of how they too missed events because of the Mayor's refusal to share email.

Mr. Sloat's one event is the ONLY event given as proof why the motion was passed – but, remember Mr. Sloat wants everyone to believe that he had nothing to do with creating the motion.

The only council member to make the motion personal was Mr. Sloat, but he is not involved in the creation of the motion – Right?

## **Councillor Didn't Support Sloat**

**Mr. Boyko presented the argument that the motion was to help the Mayor bond with the new CAO which was backup by Mr. Bartlett. Grice presented the argument that unity was the issue and the Mayor was speaking out against the unity of the council.**

**The problem with Boyko's and Grice's argument is that they are not contained in the Motion. I see no 'bonding' statement in the motion nor any statement about council unity. What is in the motion is Mr. Sloat's argument.**

**But remember, Mr. Sloat claims that he had nothing to do with creating the motion. Somehow his views are the ones expressed in the motion and somehow it just happens to be a personal problem he claims to be having with the Major but he didn't help create the motion.**