



July 16, 2018

Via mail and email

Council for the City of Hamilton
Hamilton City Hall
2nd floor - 71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Council for the City of Hamilton:

Re: Ombudsman Investigation

This is to notify you that the Ombudsman's Office has received a complaint alleging that, prior to a June 26, 2018 meeting of the Governance Review Committee, members of council held a meeting over email that did not comply with the open meeting rules in the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

We also received a complaint alleging that, on July 9, 2018, the General Issues Committee for the City of Hamilton held a meeting that did not comply with the open meeting rules.

Our Office will be investigating these complaints. Joanna Bull, with our Office's Open Meetings Team, will be in contact with the Acting Clerk to provide further information with respect to the conduct of this investigation. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Bull at 416-646-2103 or jbull@ombudsman.on.ca should you have any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation with our Office during this investigation.

Sincerely,


Wendy Ray
General Counsel

cc: Janet Pilon, Acting Clerk
Stephanie Paparella, Legislative Coordinator

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