

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Clr Merulla**From:** Craig Burley**Sent:** August 10, 2020 10:50 AM**To:** Holland, Andrea <Andrea.Holland@hamilton.ca>; Pilon, Janet <Janet.Pilon@hamilton.ca>**Cc:** Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Collins, Chad <Chad.Collins@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Ward 8 Office <ward8@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Pearson, Maria <Maria.Pearson@hamilton.ca>; Johnson, Brenda <Brenda.Johnson@hamilton.ca>; Ferguson, Lloyd <Lloyd.Ferguson@hamilton.ca>; VanderBeek, Arlene <Arlene.VanderBeek@hamilton.ca>; Whitehead, Terry <Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca>; Partridge, Judi <Judi.Partridge@hamilton.ca>**Subject:** Re: Clr Merulla

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

It is not appropriate for councillors to tell public delegates to "get their head out of their ass" in a meeting of City Council as Councillor Merulla did during the discussion of item 4.4 in today's meeting, August 10. These 32 citizens requesting to delegate took the time to try to speak to Council about a matter under its authority. They do not deserve crude, vulgar insults. The GIC is a business meeting of Council.

Such commentary is entirely out of order and Councillor Merulla cannot be permitted to do this by the Chair. The Deputy Mayor should, in all such instances, rule the commentary out of order.

Furthermore, contrary to Councillor Merulla's statements amid his crude insults, Council has authority to approve Police budgets, under subsection 39(3) of the *Police Services Act*. His angry rant was as misinformed as it was crude.

Please add this correspondence, Clerk, to the meeting in which the minutes of today's GIC meeting are approved by GIC as relevant to that item.

As requested, I have addressed this to the Mayor and to members of council rather than to today's Deputy Mayor and the Clerk alone. I have not added Councillor Merulla, who has previously instructed me to refer all communication to him and his office to his personal lawyer.

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