

Morin, Lois

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**From:** Craig Burley -  
**Sent:** September-20-19 1:54 PM  
**To:** Office of the Mayor  
**Cc:** Morin, Lois  
**Subject:** Manning v. HPSB

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I write to you in your capacity as head of the Police Services Board. I have copied the Administrator for the Board: Ms. Morin, please include this in the correspondence to the Board.

It is in reference to this matter: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/paul-manning-lawsuit-1.5289424> and the suit by Paul Manning which the PSB has now been struck from defending by the Case Management Master.

As you know, the Police Services Board is a board of civilian control for our Hamilton Police Service, and sets and directs policy for the Service. In doing so, it acts as a guardian of the public interest.

It is impossible not to notice that the public interest, and the public that is ultimately on the hook for the PSB's liabilities, has been very poorly served in this matter. It has been so disgracefully served, in fact, as to call into question your ability as a board to provide a reasonable level of service.

The PSB's apparent continuing desire to play games and fiddle around in this matter at public expense, while officials continue and deepen a public smear campaign against the plaintiff also at public expense, is not acceptable and is highly unbecoming to you personally as Chair, and to the City as a whole.

I suggest strongly that the members of this Board step down in their entirety, and in doing so encourage the City and the Solicitor General to appoint new members who are serious people capable of treating serious matters with some amount of respect and public dignity.

Failing this step, I encourage you to use what powers reside in the Chair to cause your members and the staff they direct to treat the Superior Court of Justice and its orders with sufficient respect so that the public need not pay further for the personal jollies Board members get in thumbing your noses at the Court and those you serve. You are welcome to carry out your infantile disruption campaign from outside the HPS.

Sincerely,

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