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Subject: LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee Chair and IC Complaint

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Dear Council,

I have serious concerns with Council proposing to remove Cameron Kroetsch from his role as chair of the LGBTQ+ and advisory committee over his remarks concerning Hamilton Police Service's failure to protect participants at the 2019 Pride festival.

Is council so afraid of criticism that you approve of suppressing any dissent? How does this encourage members of any community to become involved in their government?

That you have the audacity to file an IC complaint, saying that it breached the "code of conduct and good communications" is really hard to swallow when I see at your own council meetings the lack of decorum used by several councillors. Such hypocrisy! There are currently 14 other complaints against councillors yet this was the Integrity Commissioner's focus!!

If you haven't noticed democracy is being attacked around the world. To see it being attacked first hand here in my City Hall is greatly alarming.

In order for democracy to work the electorate MUST be engaged. If you don't engage you lose. We all lose.

Last I checked this was still a democracy and opposing voices still mattered.

Please reconsider this reckless and irresponsible move to silence an engaged citizen, and keep Mr Kroetsch as chair of the LGBTQ+ committee.

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