

October 19, 2021

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Dear Mayor Saunderson,

We are writing today to express how angry and disappointed we are with the events that occurred during the Special Strategic Initiatives Standing Committee meeting of October 14, 2021.

Councillor Bob Madigan's behavior towards Councillor Yvonne Hamlin was unprofessional, disrespectful, rude, and frankly shameful. Councillor Madigan interrupted, disparaged, and attempted to bully Councillor Hamlin. It should also be noted that this is not the first time Councillor Madigan has behaved this way towards a female member of the Town Council.

The fact that you as chair chose not to address this matter is not acceptable. Choosing to ignore what happened, is the same as consenting to it. Then choosing to hide behind procedural protocols during the October 18th meeting shows a complete lack of moral judgement. We can only assume by your actions, that

you believe Councillor Madigan's behavior to be acceptable.

We cannot and will not let this matter be swept under the rug. We expect this incident to be called out and dealt with in the appropriate manner. Public apologies as a start. Unless again, you believe this behavior to be acceptable. If this is the case, we have a much larger problem.

Lastly, we would point out that the actions of Councillor Madigan are in direct contravention of both Section 5 and Section 8 of the Code of Conduct that is currently being reviewed by the Town Council. The irony here is not lost on us.

It is very discouraging to think that here we are in 2021, still having to have these discussions.

We await your response.

Concerned residents in Collingwood

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