

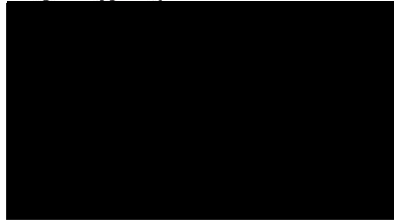
NOTICE TO [clerks@burlington.ca](mailto:clerks@burlington.ca) Shawna Stolte Chair of Community Planning, Regulation and Mobility Meeting and [kevin.arjoon@burlington.ca](mailto:kevin.arjoon@burlington.ca). November 24, 2020 10:15 pm

Please register Anne and David Marsden as delegates at the committee meeting of November 26, 2020 and the Special Council meeting that follows.

The intended remarks for the committee meeting are dependent on Curt Benson getting back to us in time for us to submit our intended remarks to the Committee and we hope in this case Chair Stolte having the letter addressed to Chair Carr and Curt Benson is sufficient for us to be confirmed as registered delegates and be provided with the meeting ID and participant ID (password) for joining the meetings at 09:30 a.m. on November, 26, 2020.

Thank you for your prompt response to these delegation requests.

Anne and Dave Marsden



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne and Dave Marsden", written over the redacted area.

OPEN LETTER TO

HALTON REGION CHAIR GARY CARR by e-mail please provide Curt Benson with his copy as we do not have his e-mail address

CURT BENSON – REGION PLANNING CONTACT

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

MPP Jane McKenna for the attention of Minister Steve Clarke

Media

November 24, 2020

Dear Sirs,

The City of Burlington calendar is promoting a Special Council Meeting directly after a standing committee meeting.

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**Special Meeting of Council - Immediately following the Community Planning, Regulation and Mobility meeting**

**Nov 26, 2020 09:30 AM**

**City Hall**

According to the *Municipal Act* Mayor Meed Ward is the only person authorized to call such a meeting.

As Ward 2 Councillor attending a Special Council meeting right after a standing committee meeting called by Rick Goldring on September 29<sup>th</sup> 2014 Meed Ward is on the public record (webcast of September 29<sup>th</sup> Council meeting) and posted in the Burlington Gazette comments:

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October 1, 2014 at 10:43 am

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Pepper,

Perhaps you missed my comment – In my councillor remarks at the end of the meeting (toward 11pm) I said I agreed with the point raised by the delegation that there should always be a separation in time between committee and council meetings, unless there is a time sensitive matter which, when I asked the question of staff, they said there was none. Combining the meetings, staff said, was done for “efficiency.” Agree wholeheartedly that we should have stuck to the original calendar of a council meeting on Oct. 6., and the delegation was right to raise a concern and ask for better, and that was my comment at the meeting.

**The delegate she referred to was Anne Marsden who agrees with the Gazette's report contained in the September 29, 2014 Gazette article headed: Council, at their last meeting before asking you to re-elect them gave the democratic process a hard punch in the stomach.**

*"There are good reasons for creating a period of time between the Standing Committee meetings and the Council meetings where the decisions are made and the bylaws passed. That time gives the public a chance to look at what the "rascals" have done and delegate to Council if there are concerns." AND "Marsden was making a fundamental point. The wait period between the Standing Committee and the Council meeting is the only opportunity the public has to be informed and aware of what their elected representatives are doing – "it is a safeguard that belongs to the public" said Marsden. She added that she believed "this council is out of control".*

So why is Mayor Meed Ward repeating what Goldring did in 2014 that she agreed with Marsden was wrong and in this case it is Halton's Notice of Decision that is the subject of the breach of "a safeguard that belongs to the public?".

We are asking that Chair Carr immediately notify Mayor Meed Ward to cancel this Special Meeting and rebook with at least a two week interval for the public to ruminate on the Committee decision and the hundreds of pages of information that needs to be digested to determine if the committee decision was a good one or not!

We are also seeking information from Curt Benson on an issue we have not been able to obtain clarity on and we would appreciate Mr. Benson providing this clarity in time to address the Special Council meeting at our registered delegation.

We live at 1425 Ghent Avenue which the first/second OP designated as part of the UGC which extended to the facility beside 1415 Ghent Avenue. (1425 and 1415 Ghent form a two building condominium property called Saratoga Village).

We note that this designation was contrary to the Region OP and Council removed Saratoga Village and the adjacent LTC property from the revised UGC in their recent submissions to the Region to ensure agreement with the Region OP. We were not allowed to participate as delegates at either the Region or Council statutory meetings previous from Spring 2017 to mid-2019 notice being given by James Ridge with the blessing of Rick Goldring and Ward 2 Councillor Marianne Meed Ward for the Burlington City Hall meetings and Bob Gray, Graham Milne and the previous Clerk Karen whose surname escapes us for Region meetings.

Can you please provide us with:

1. a history (dates and meetings) that saw Council approve an official plan that differed to the Region Plan when they were all members of the Region Council who voted for the plan that showed the clearly marked difference.

2. Is the Region satisfied that the City OP is now the same as the Halton OP in this matter and
3. Can you provide confirmation that the Region did not change its OP to comply with the City's.

If Chair Carr does not demand the Region Notice of Decision receives appropriate opportunity for public engagement as was the expectation of Mayor Meed Ward in 2014, this explanation will need to be in our hands prior to 11:00 am tomorrow November 25, 2020. As the City of Burlington demands all delegates provide intended remarks to them prior to approval of a delegation and the deadline for registration is noon on November 25, 2020.

We would remind both Chair Carr and Mayor Meed Ward that we are expecting a letter by November 28, 2020 outlining the reasons we are not allowed to delegate at Region Council at any meetings (including statutory public meetings). This information is required relative to the burying of the hydro lines that was the subject of a letter to the CEO of Hydro One signed by Chair Carr and Mayor Meed Ward.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Anne and Dave Marsden

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“Work for the well-being of the city to which I have sent you.” Jeremiah 29:7