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I am writing to register my support for the partial delegation of "Strong Mayor Powers" currently in use by the Mayor of the City of Burlington, back to the CoB Council as a whole.

In my opinion, the extent to which the Government of Ontario legislation for "Strong Mayor Powers" with respect to building a prescribed number of new home builds in Burlington, has been greatly exceeded and abused by the current mayor.

Sadly, this tract of behaviour and abuse of power by the mayor was evident before the July 1st 2023 adoption of Strong Mayor Powers, but is now becoming increasingly more acute.

This is occurring at the cost of public... RATEPAYER engagement.

The Motion 18.2 introduced at the March 19th, 2024 CoB Council Meeting, and the subsequent deferral to the Special Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday March 26th, 2024 is a first step in reigning in the current Mayor.

Note the extent to which the mayor tried (unsuccessfully) to keep the item off the March 19th, 2024 agenda, and then later attempts to quash it being moved to a special council meeting for March 26th, 2024. This is indicative of

The mayor and council members should be mindful that the ratepayers and electorate are watching.

Conduct yourselves accordingly...

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