

Gerry Montpellier can stand tall

Re: 'Anonymous complaint targets Sudbury councillor,' July 6.

Whoever anonymous is — and whoever their enabler is at city hall — the integrity commissioner issue is not about Robert Swayze's assumption of Coun. Gerry Montpellier's choice of words.

It's simple harassment of an elected representative saying out loud what most taxpayers are saying to one another.

And whoever that city hall employee is, he or she is being paid with taxpayers' money to attack an elected representative of the people.

To any trained eye, this city has been running on a campaign to divide, distract and abuse power. That has resulted in a frenzy of conflict creation without regard for the human factor.

That human factor is all of us who pay taxes to support a city in grave dysfunction and yes, empire-building.

It needs to stop.

This city is sinking into a deep abyss. People and businesses are considering relocation.

We are a dot in the oper-

ations of global mining, no longer with a reputation as nickel capital of the world.

We are no longer a center for post-secondary education.

The foundation of personal income is based on provincial and municipal tax dollars, mainly the health and education sectors, doctors/teachers, as well as retired pensioners who live off subsidized government dollars.

There has been no growth in population since 1973, and no private sector industrial development or any real private sector employment opportunities in 20 years.

Any real economic development is akin to stabbing yourself in the eye. The pain and cost aren't worth dealing with, given the obstacles put in place by city hall.

The opioid and homelessness problems are way beyond crisis proportions; only concerned citizens are valiantly attempting to help the vulnerable among us. Those whose mandate and duty it is to mitigate, manage and lead are missing in action.

The city is generally unkempt — with garbage strewn about — except where neighbourhood volunteers take action to clean up.

Each councillor should look in the mirror and decide if they want to continue to be an actor on the stage of city council repeating words from a bad play, or stand among the people and say what the people are saying.

It is time to break this cycle of blatant misrepresentation of the people's will.

Gerry Montpellier, however, does not need to look in the mirror.

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Sudbury should vote on the KED

Stop the madness.

In my view, the content of recent news coverage, motions presented by some council members, and information and comments in numerous letters to the editor from well-respected citizens with respect to the Kingsway Entertainment District are a cause for serious concern.

It clearly indicates the mayor, no doubt with the assistance of senior administration, may have misled fellow council members and taxpayers with respect to the stated purposes and desired outcomes of the most recent PricewaterhouseCoopers

report presented to council on June 16.

As we all know now, the projectNOW proposal submitted by 3RD Line Studio was not addressed.

Such action appears to be contrary to the general principles of bylaw 2019-16 — the City of Greater Sudbury council code of conduct — more specifically under decision-making process article 16(2), that every member should refrain from making statements known to be false or with the intent to mislead council as the case may be, or the public.

Other letter writers seem to be seeking an answer to the same question: what is behind the irrational obsession of the mayor and his cronies on city council for fulfilling the ambitions of the owners of land near the dump?

At the very least, an investigation the city's integrity commissioner should investigate. At the very most - and as suggested by a previous writer - any further activity on the KED as proposed should be halted and all the options placed before Greater Sudbury taxpayers in a referendum.

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