

Deputation of Alar Soever:

Dear Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Council,

I encourage Council to support this motion and consider options for settlement. Far too much time and money has been spent on this issue already.

Last year has seen the Town's legal costs exceed \$500,000. No doubt this affair was a major contributing factor. Initially, since the sanctions included the provision that Councillor Seguin not attend the Town Hall unescorted, there was an implication that somehow he was a threat to the Staff. Now that it has been made public in court documents that this whole affair was a result of things Councillor Seguin wrote in his blog and social media, the questions he asked at Council and Committee, and the manner in which he vociferously advocated for his constituents it is clear to most in the community that this affair should have been concluded long ago.

Indeed, as the poorly concealed redacted payment of \$50,000 in the accounts, seems to indicate, some sort of settlement was reached with the Complainant in this matter. To date Councillor Seguin has only asked for a Judicial Review and has not pursued a suit for damages. In the best interests of all concerned, I support Councillor Martin's Motion that Council consider options for resolution of this matter before it creates even deeper divisions in our community at even greater taxpayer expense.