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Committee appointments

Dear editor:

Mulmur Council would like you to believe that they are open, transparent and they seek input from the good people of Mulmur. However, in the last term they refused knowledgeable and professional input regarding fire safety standards from the former deputy mayor who was trained and qualified in municipal fire service. They used tax payers dollars in their efforts to stop her involvement and input on municipal fire service matters.

On numerous occasions they have claimed ratepayers were harassing staff when the ratepayer identified municipal errors and inaccuracies. In this term council members continue to claim the same thing yet act in another.

For example, in the last term there was a heritage committee to which Carl Tafel was the chair. Carl was a diligent and committed heritage advocate, he researched and documented historical architecture, anecdotes and data on Mulmur and attempted to bring Mulmur's heritage and history to the forefront.

Unfortunately the current council did not have the same opinion on some matters so they merely changed the committee structure which did away with the need for Carl. The people of Mulmur were not well served with that decision.

Similar exclusion occurred with the formation of the new Mulmur Recreation Committee.

Diligent individuals involved with the Honeywood Arena and Mansfield ball diamond, who spent years on the former committees working with community members trying to enhance and encourage community participation and involvement at the grass roots level, were not suitable for the new committee.

Again this council did not appreciate the efforts put forward in this regard and again changed the committee structure and selected those who would tell council what it wanted to hear.

Local people who reside in Mulmur and are dedicated to the betterment of our community should be the individuals appointed to committees.

No change for the sake of change or expensive special meetings for back slapping. Mulmur Council, it is your mandate to serve the people of Mulmur, not your personal whims and agenda.

Old Silver Pen

Jim Pendleton

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