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Grimsby council approves Charrois 15-day pay suspension

“Off-putting” apology did not help leniency request: Coun. Baradziej

By Mike Williscraft
NewsNow

The most recent saga for Grimsby council ended Monday with Coun. Veronica Charrois receiving a 15-day suspension of pay after being found to have breached the Town's code of conduct.

Integrity Commissioner Michael Maynard completed a report into an

incident which arose during council's Nov. 20, 2023 meeting at which Charrois alleged Mayor Jeff Jordan had a conflict of interest with a campaign donation from a developer while supporting a project before council for consideration.

That came after a long line of Facebook posts and “the emergence of a pattern of harassing

behaviour towards him,” Maynard quoted Jordan as saying.

“He asserted that her comments at the November 20th meeting were a “clear, direct, and public allegation of wrongdoing, completely without merit or a finding of contravention from the Integrity Commissioner or a court.” He opined that the Councillor's ques-

tion was an implied allegation because it quoted the Code of Conduct section on conflicts of interest and then asked “suggestive and rhetorical questions relating to the donation and the unrelated vote.” Maynard noted.

“In the Mayor's view, “any average and reasonable person as a

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The wild ones!

Chef Brad Rempel, second from left, prepared and helped serve a wild game feast Friday night with his Jordan Lions Club sous-chefs (L to R) Ray Dykstra, club president; Ray Dykstra Jr., Jim Morrison, and John Schonewille. For full details, with all the trimmings, please turn to Page 4. McDonald - Photo

Grimsby BIA ignored clerk's direction Council votes to defer financial autonomy plan to May meeting

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Grimsby council voted to defer Grimsby Downtown Business Improvement Area's meeting minutes, which included a recommendation in support of a proposed financial autonomy plan.

The minutes came to council from last week's Corporate Services Committee. The vote to defer the document came after Coun. Delight Davoli outlined a litany of what she terms “significant” issues with

how the board has operated since being installed early in 2024.

While the issues are many and varied, just last week a whole series of matters arose at the BIA's April meeting.

“I don't really believe now is the time for them to become financially autonomous,” said Davoli, in speaking to the minutes before council.

“I do agree with our clerk that, in her report, we should hold a special meeting and, at least, consult the

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