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Chair and Members of Corporate Services Committee

Re: Request for Lawyer – Council Member Indemnification By-law A-5

In reference to the attached communication from Gareth Jones, Director, Ontario Ombudsman's Office, and in accordance with Part 5 of the Council Member Indemnification By-law, I am hereby advising of my intention to retain a lawyer to represent me, prior to my being interviewed by the Ombudsman's Office for the second time regarding a recent closed meeting investigation.

Thank you for your consideration

Stephen Orser
Councillor, Ward 4
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Attch:

From: Gareth Jones [<mailto:gjones@ombudsman.on.ca>]
Sent: May-31-13 9:41 AM
To: Orser, Stephen
Cc: SIU - Stats Group; Ciaran Buggle
Subject: Re: Second Interview
Importance: High

Dear Councillor Orser

Thank you for getting in touch.

We are currently reviewing the large amount of evidence we have gathered from multiple sources to determine whether further interviews are required and, if so, of whom. At this point, I anticipate we will be requesting to interview you again. We will be in touch very shortly to discuss your availability. We would like to conduct any such interview as soon as practical.

The scope of that interview will likely be limited to follow-up questions based on information we have obtained since we first interviewed you. My best estimate would that any such interview would take no more than 45 minutes, and possibly less, though as I am sure you understand, I cannot guarantee that.

In respect of providing you with a copy of your transcript, it is not our practice to do so while an investigation is on-going. I will be happy to provide you with a copy once the investigation is concluded. It is also not our practice to provide questions in writing. The reason behind these practices is to maintain the integrity of the investigative process.

Thank you again for your co-operation

Yours sincerely

Gareth Jones