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Council,

I would be remiss if I didn't express my reaction and disappointment at your recent decision to dismantle and drastically reduce the number of engaged citizens from the PAHAC Committee for the coming year. I have had the honour to chair the committee for the past 14 months. Citizen members were always highly prepared and engaged for each meeting, whether the agenda lasted for 70 minutes or 240. Each assumed his/her role with professionalism, valuing their responsibility to assess files and make recommendations. I am extremely proud of their commitment to this work, particularly during times of unprecedented growth in West Hants.

This Municipality's work to create a culture of inclusion and municipal citizenship may have been damaged by the Mayor's amended motion resulting in the unceremonious termination of its citizen members. It was an upsetting surprise for some, and perhaps it should have been a conversation that included them.

I have encouraged terminated citizen members to re-apply for the coming year. My hope is that two of these remarkable people are able to re-fill these positions. My interest in Municipal processes has been deflated. I wish you all the best of luck moving forward with your new committee.

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