

Woman files complaint against councillor who backs public health

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An online dispute about the government response to the COVID-19 pandemic has translated into a real-world complaint against a Kingston city councillor.

Christine Massey of Toronto submitted the complaint to the city clerk following an email exchange with Lakeside District Coun. Wayne Hill.

Hill was among dozens of politicians across Canada, including all of Kingston city council, Massey contacted with concerns about what she described as widespread fraud related to the international response and research into the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Councillor Hill's responses to my very serious emails demonstrated a disturbing unwillingness to even consider information that does not fit with the official 'COVID-19' narrative," Massey wrote in her complaint.

"Such narrow-mindedness and flippant disregard for hard facts are at odds with council's code of conduct and indicate the opposite of acting on the public behalf in a conscientious and diligent manner."

Massey accused Hill of supporting the "fraud-based, new world order tyranny," ignoring her "evidence of fraud" and using his political position to "encourage the taking of 'sides' when he should be acting in a non-partisan manner."

On Thursday night, Hill said Massey has a history of spreading misinformation about COVID-19, fluoridation of public drinking water and vaccinations.

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Lakeside District Coun. Wayne Hill is the subject of a complaint by a Toronto woman upset by his position on the COVID-19 pandemic. *ELLIOT FERGUSON*

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"I called her out on her latest communication, which was forwarded to myself and other local councillors," Hill said. "I believe very strongly that all of us, and especially elected leaders, need to be clearly on the record in support of our local public health officials, and that includes anyone who would seek to undermine them, as Ms. Massey regularly does."

During their email exchange, Massey wrote to Hill that she supports Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston MPP Randy Hillier, an outspoken critic of efforts to curb the spread of the virus.

"Yeah, OK. You want to be on the

same side of this argument as Randy Hillier. Good luck with that!" Hill replied.

"I've provided you hard evidence of fraud in the form of official documentation from around the world," Massey later wrote. "Instead of doing your due diligence like a grown responsible man, you respond with childish insults. That's pathetic."

"It is utterly terrifying to know that grown adults, including elected representatives, put blind, irrational faith in cherry-picked, unaccountable 'authority' figures and make that 'authority' their truth, rather than truth their authority."

"It disappoints me that the wayward fringe that is embodied by folks like you have become so vocal

and so loud that you have drawn in other unsuspecting folks who will, no doubt, subsequently put themselves and others at risk because they chose to listen to your ravings."

"I do not wish you ill, but I wish you would not put so many others at risk by virtue of your rants," Hill wrote, adding that he would continue to listen to and follow the advice of public health officials.

"Your opinion is of no consequence to me," he wrote to Massey.

"Your unlearned opinion is of no value to the important social conversation taking place, and I would appreciate it if you cease sharing it with me," he added. "I won't block you, because you are entitled to your voice. I just hope that you recognize how dangerous that voice can be to the health of your family and neighbours."