

Are Councillors Held to a Different Set of Rules?

Come to the September 16th Council Meeting - 7.00 PM



Doug Dickerson

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OSHAWA -- Pickering Councillor Doug Dickerson left the Oshawa courthouse after pleading guilty to two counts of campaign finance violations. He was ordered to pay \$17,500 in fines as penalty, and will also pay back nearly \$30,000 in campaign expenses to the City of Pickering. July 19, 2013.

The Mayor is quoted in the papers as saying "*this is behind us now*".

Really?

Would that happen where you work?
You have broken the law, got caught.
finally admitted your guilt after 3 yrs.
and all is forgiven.

Don't think so!

Elections are coming in 2014

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Council Meeting at 7.00 pm**

**Find out who on Council supports this
kind of behavior from their Deputy
Mayor, and who does not.**

**Are you fed up with Canadian political
scandals?**

Here is one in your own backyard.

**If you can't attend the meeting
please express your opinion by email
to the City Clerk- Debbie Shields
dshields@cityofpickering.com**

Facts in the Dickerson case:

- Ran in the 2010 Municipal Election
- Submitted an audited statement showing he overspent - **His auditor, he signed it**
- Audit requested by the public - **Public warned, if your wrong you will pay \$**
- Dickerson says the ACT is flawed - **He is the only one in Ontario so confused**
- Audit granted by independent audit committee - **Unanimous decision**
- Dickerson appeals audit decision in court says the Act is flawed - **More Costs**
- Court hearing - **More Costs More Delays**
- Appeal denied - **Time to say sorry, accept responsibility, and move on**
- Scathing Audit report finds contravention of the MEA - **and \$15,000 in booze in his basement from election funding**
- Regional Councillors attempt to address Deputy Mayor role/Veridian - **Blocked**
- Mayor refuses any discussion prior to court decision - **Maybe the City-paid independent Auditor is wrong**
- Mayor presents Dickerson with Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal for service to the community - **Really? Service to the Community?**
- Dickerson pleads guilty in court - **Could have done this much easier 3 years ago**
- Fines levied - **Why no Court Costs requested? Why no loss of seat?**
- City Clerk reports legal costs as a result of Dickerson's refusal to initially admit his guilt are over \$290,000.00 - **Why no costs, residents told they'd pay if not proven**
- Mayor says that's behind us now - **Really? forgive and forget**
- Dickerson blames the whole thing on timing and badly written act. **He pled guilty**
- Still Deputy Mayor and Veridian Chair. **More than enough extra \$ to cover fines**

COME TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 16TH 2013 - THIS IS SUPPOSEDLY YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK