



THE CORPORATION OF HALDIMAND COUNTY SPECIAL COUNCIL ADDENDUM

Date: July 14, 2025
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: Council Chambers - Haldimand County Administration Building

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Haldimand County Delegation Request – Summary of Submission

Delegation Information

Name: Lesley Powell

Pronouns: She/Her

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Representing: Herself

Attending: In person

Meeting Information

Requested Meeting Date: July 15, 2025 (Note: Request pertains to July 14th meeting)

Meeting Type: Council Meeting

Previous Presentations to Council in Committee: No

Brief Description of Delegation Topic

I want to speak about the use of the Strong Mayor Powers and the impact on the county.

Consent and Acknowledgements

I confirm the following:

- I (we) have read, understood, and acknowledged the Rules and Procedures relating to Delegations as prescribed by the Procedure By-law.
- I (we) understand and acknowledge that Council and Committee meetings at Haldimand County are audio and video recorded and live-streamed online.
- I (we) understand and acknowledge that the minutes of all Council and Committee meetings at Haldimand County become permanent records.
- I (we) acknowledge and agree to the guidelines for being a delegation.

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Haldimand County Delegation Request – Submission

Delegation Information

Name: Marianne Kidd

Pronouns: She/Her

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Representing: Myself

Attending: In person

Meeting Information

Requested Meeting Date: July 14, 2025

Meeting Type: Council Meeting

Brief Description of Delegation Topic

The **broader implications of the Strong Mayor powers** in Haldimand County, including:

- The need for **checks and balances** to preserve collaborative decision-making within Council;
- A call for **provincial review** of the Strong Mayor model in municipalities like ours;
- A proposal for Council to adopt **ethical standards or internal protocols** discouraging celebratory behavior or public displays surrounding personnel transitions, to maintain public trust and demonstrate professionalism;
- Recommendations to enhance **public transparency and engagement**, such as publishing quarterly governance updates or holding open forums when Strong Mayor powers are exercised. The potential **erosion of democratic representation** in light of recent governance trends,
- A request for Council to consider passing a resolution to **formally ask the Province to review or rescind Strong Mayor powers** in our municipality.

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