

MAYOR OF PICKERING RELEASES VIDEO FEAR MONGERING THE PUBLIC DENOUNCE THE MESSAGE AND CALL FOR HIS RESIGNATION

PICKERING - A Video has been released by Pickering Mayor, Kevin Ashe.

The video makes claims that the City appears to be under siege by some alt-right movement.

For this reason The City of Pickering is moving its meeting to a virtual format from January 2025 as the city feels it is under threat of far-right 'outsiders'.

The 13-minute long video released by the city associated such 'outsiders' with Councillor Lisa Robinson, who, it says is now not permitted to use her councillor's budget hold meetings such as the town hall she held in November.

The release of this video has gone viral and many in the community are demanding answers.

The Mayor has been instrumental in having the mentioned councillor sanctioned various times to the point that a city paid integrity commissioner has recommended the suspension of pay.

The Mayors position on some fictitious alt-right group, raises many red flags as why would any alt-right movement be interested in Pickering affairs. Many are claiming that the Mayor has lost touch with his citizens including fellow council.

The Mayor a 'woke' himself. Feels as anyone that does not support his view is alt-right. What does it mean to be woke in politics?

Hess describes woke as "the inverse of 'politically correct' ... It means wanting to be considered correct, and wanting everyone to know just how correct you are". The impact of "woke" sentiment on society has been criticized from various perspectives.

On various occasions the Mayor has been brought to question on many of his decisions. When pressed to answer he either has people thrown out of council and subsequently issues them a trespass notice.

This move has infuriated citizens of Pickering and have made the media on more than one occasion.

It has become so bad that the Mayor had to clear the council chamber on various occasions.

People of Pickering question his decision process and his character and attacks anyone he does not like.

He labels them 'NUT JOBS', Alt-righters and so on.

Council meetings have become a place to disrespect women, show little or no transparency or accountability to no one.

Citizens are very upset and with the restriction on being able to speak on matters that matter to them.

These actions have caught the eye of many people far beyond City limits.

Citizens as well as some mental health professionals have questioned the mayors mental hygiene as it appears that he has some sort of serious fixation with one councillor in particular

Lisa Robinson a very outspoken member of council. Questions many of the City business and the mayor has taken offense on various occasion.

Since he feels as he has to answer questions pertaining to accountability and trans-

parency. The Mayor becomes flustered and loses control.

He then attempts to push his Mayorship powers and becomes abusive and belligerent. Stated Jennifer Q of Pickering that has attended council meetings.

Some health professionals have made the comment that he may be suffering from a form of neurosis... He is fixated on attacking any woman that appears to show authority and or brings his judgement to question.

Just a few months back he had a grandmother that demanded answers from the Mayor. This grandmother was escorted out by four police officers as if she was some criminal. Subsequently she was issued a no trespass order and fined for disturbing the peace.

The other two female on council pretty much have become the Mayors lap dogs as he likes to make reference to women. During a council meeting Ashe turns to Lisa Robinson and warns her that if she does not comply and stop asking questions that the mayor will put her on a short leash. Calling her a female dog.

Meaning he would silence her microphone or prohibit her from speaking in other matters. This type of misogynistic behavior has infuriated many citizens and cause further hostility during council meetings.

It has become so bad that the Mayor has changed the protocol of who may speak at council meetings.

Pickering council is limiting who can speak at their meetings and what delegates can talk about.

Councillors voted to update the bylaw governing their meetings at the last council meeting.

Delegates must be from Pickering, a Pickering business owner or a Pickering taxpayer to speak and they can only bring up what's on the council agenda.

There are some exceptions, such as government officials, charities, and non-Pickering landowners or their representatives who would be impacted by an application to the city under the Planning Act.

Delegates from outside the city can still be added to the agenda, but only at the request of a council member who would also need a seconder to support the out-of-town delegate. The person would only be allowed to speak if two-thirds of council approves the delegate.

In this latest round the City pretty much closed the door to public access. They can pick and choose who may speak the meeting and if the Mayor does not like what you are saying. He will just cut you off or disconnect you.

The City of Pickering says moving forward all council meetings will be virtual.

"Over the past two years the City of Pickering has witnessed a growing infiltration of alt-right individuals, ideologies and influences that have created an atmosphere of uncertainty, fear and intimidation over our council, our staff, our residents and indeed the broader community," said Mayor Kevin Ashe in a video posted by the city.

A video that is targeted to

defame the character of only one person. Lisa Robinson.

The video only deals with one person and makes references to all kind of external entities that have nothing to do with Pickering.

The Mayor appears to be out of control and is using staff and resources to persecute Robinson. A violation of city Code of conduct.

Not only has his actions taken away 9 month of her pay.

Now they are attempting to take her right from making any videos out of her office at City Hall.

Embattled Pickering councillor Lisa Robinson said council's decision to go virtual for their meetings in 2025 to "protect the safety, security and well-being of council, staff, and residents" is nothing more than an "all-out attack" on her ability to do her job for her constituents.

"They want to suppress the truth, manipulate the narrative and control the voices that challenge their power," Robinson called out fellow councillor Maurice Brenner and Pickering CAO Marisa Carpino for their efforts to "suppress the truth."

Robinson claimed Brenner was "actively working to silence me" by trying to prevent her from using her office at City Hall to record her often hate-filled podcasts, claiming she learned this through a Freedom of Information Request on redacted emails.

"It's clear that Councillor Brenner is actively working to undermine me," she said, adding that Brenner also tried to get her charged with a hate crime.

Robinson also singled out Carpino in her attack, saying the CAO threatened to stop her from using her office or city property for her videos, "if I don't remain silent about the corruption and collusion that is happening at the City of Pickering."

"The Pickering CAO's attempt to extort me an elected official, is an insult to democracy and in my opinion, criminal," she said in a follow-up video released.

We contacted the City for a comment, but apparently the Mayor is vacationing.

In the video he released he stated: "Mayor Kevin Ashe explained the decision to bar the public from attending future meetings, saying the city needs to take measures to "enhance the personal safety for all" after two years of violence, threats and intimidation from Robinson's alt-right supporters."

"Over the past two years the City of Pickering has witnessed a growing infiltration of alt-right individuals, ideologies and influences that has created an atmosphere of uncertainty over our council, our staff, our residents and indeed the broader community," he said at the outset of the video, which provided context for the decision and also came with a warning label of "threats and extreme violence."

This statement by the Mayor is what has many calling for his resignation. According to citizens. His lack of people skill has put the city in a dangerous place.

A place that is exclusive of any public input or scrutiny. His hiding behind some made up alt-right movement is dam-

aging and dividing in the community.

The video provided carefully picks up a playback of Robinson's first term in office, including:

an appearance on a podcast with notorious fugitive Kevin Johnstone, with the host calling Ashe and his councillors "pedophiles, nazis and fascists" and suggesting "70s biker gangs" be brought in to "remove these guys by force" while Robinson smiled and nodded a show of support for German far-right politician Christine Anderson a series of "increasingly erratic and angry" messages on social media, including a cryptic poem referencing Guy Fawkes, an Englishman who tried to blow up the British Parliament in 1605, which she said serves as a "reminder" of the "value of violence against corruption" allowing far-right groups to organize (and run security) for her Town Hall meeting in November the revoking of her invitation to the Remembrance Day Veterans Dinner hosted by the local Legion the same month.

These selective videos are far from the whole picture. These videos only fan further aggression as some may deem his comments and accusation inappropriate.

But while the councillor's conduct has led to multiple sanctions from council and the city's Integrity Commissioner (she has seen her pay docked four times, including the last two for 90-day periods) Ashe said in his video address it is the behavior of her supporters which has led to the decision to hold council meetings virtually going forward.

This statement is libelous and slanderous and further added fuel to a social fire online.

Her followers have regularly left a series of threats, text, voice mails and e-mails for council and staff to peruse, have distributed flyers in the community filled with conspiracy theories and have made a practice of disrupting council meetings to voice their displeasure with their perceived unfair treatment of Robinson. His allegations toward Robinson are misleading and defamatory.

Robinsons interruptions have nothing to do with alt-right groups.

The many people abruptly thrown out of council meeting are not alt-right.

Mayor statements are inflammatory and disrespectful. Something that should be brought before the integrity commissioner...unfortunately the integrity commissioner is paid by the City.

As the integrity of the integrity commissioner has been questioned in more than one case. According to the Mayor, Robinsons online supporters became "increasingly angry" and prone to suggesting "violent action," such as "They need to be taken down" ('Larry') and "Where's Rambo when you need him?" ('Jim'). The video noted that communities across North America have been infiltrated by far-right groups trying to "control, sow dissent and intimidate" residents "in order to influence municipal government."

Ashe the decision to go virtual needed to be done. Ashe's deception and use of City resources to persecute one councillor is being seen

as disgraceful and in violation of city conduct policy.

"This decision was not taken lightly but the threats to our safety demand action," he said. "We will not expose ourselves to these external actors nor allow them to disrupt our work any longer."

Robinson, however, saw it as a personal attack on her and a "direct insult" to the "peaceful protesters" who make up her support group.

Up to date. There has been not one incident of violence or assault towards anyone on council. There are no pending police investigations and no reports of any group making any direct threat.

"This is a calculated effort by the City of Pickering's administration and council to silence me, an outspoken representative who is determined to uncover corruption, collusion, and misconduct.

This is a rallying cry for integrity, accountability, and the protection of democratic freedoms. I have now been locked out of accessing staff, using my office for meetings or recording videos, and hosting my city council meetings on city property! Why? because they do not approve of the content." Robinson stated.

Councillor Robinson has publicly stated that she does not condone violence towards Pickering council and staff. The city video states that some of her unhinged supporters may feel differently, while pointing out that an independent integrity commis-

sioner has ruled she violated council code of conduct multiple times.

An integrity commissioner paid by the City.

Outsiders at Council Meeting "Due to security concerns and misuse of public resources, Councillor Robinson is no longer permitted to use her councillor's budget to hold these types of alt-right meetings," the city message said. It claimed that two outsiders were caught filming council meeting, including one attendee from the Rumble video of Johnston and Councillor Robinson.

The Rumble Media was removed by 15 police officer in attendance.

This action by the city further infuriates the public as gun play and crime is on the rise. Police will not answer 911 calls due to not enough officers. Yet, 15 are assigned to remove a member of the media.

Due to perceived growing threats of violence, harassment, and intimidation, the city will be undertaking measures to protect the safety, security, and well-being of council, staff, and residents. As a measure, it has decided to move all official meetings to a virtual format starting January 2025.

To date not one police report has been filed to substantiate the inflated accusations and assumptions.

The Mayor appears to be misleading the public in order to cover for his lack of transparency.

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