

Council Meeting-Jan. 10

When I took my oath of office as the Mayor of this great community, I made a personal promise to myself to listen to and respect every community member, their concerns and their ideas, even if their ideologies don't match with mine. I also promised myself to step up in whatever way possible to protect this Council, Administration, and Staff in any way I needed to.

For many months, I have seen letters to the editor and received many emails and phone calls from citizens voicing concerns about the transfer of Resolute's Forest License and Audit. In 2019, a law firm was sequestered to find answers for the questions we also had regarding these types of concerns.

As always, as I had vowed, I met with a resident to listen to his concerns regarding this issue. In an attempt to assist in helping this contact to understand that Council, staff and consultants had been working diligently toward finding answers to the questions we had ourselves, I shared the letter from the legal team we had hired to show this resident that we had received this draft that told us they had found as much as was available on the ministry website. In my lack of knowledge of the issue, what I thought would be an end to the concerns voiced by this resident, opened up a whole new can of worms; more concerns and questions.

In my haste to stand up and protect the integrity of this Council, our Staff, and Consultants, I definitely miss-stepped in the way I handled the situation. I should have asked Council to give me permission to share the report from the lawyers and for this I humbly apologize.

I want to be very clear that I had no part in the leak to the press that recently happened. I feel betrayed and have lost the trust and confidence in my contact, just as I assume Council and Staff must feel about me regarding my actions in trying to deal with this issue.

I want to, once again, sincerely apologize for the way I handled this situation.

Kind Regards,  
June Carl