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Subject: Re: Request to Delegate to Regional Council
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Hello Clerk Norio,

My notes are below.

Good evening everyone. I hope you and your families are all healthy and well. I follow several of you on social media and as a lifelong resident, I am grateful for the many encouraging and positive posts you continue to share as we manage the pandemic.

Once again, I am here to address comments from Regional Councillor, Mayor David Bylsma.

Councillor Bylsma and I disagree on virtually everything he has weighed in on this term but it's his comments regarding the raising of the Pride Flag and racist comments about the Black Lives Matter Movement in his radio interview with 610 CKTB that have brought me here tonight. I want to address Council's tepid response.

Earlier in your term, you committed to the Inclusive Municipalities' Coalition, meaning that each of you committed to investing time and resources to create more welcoming and inclusive communities within Niagara. Mayor Bylsma's comments betrayed that commitment. This Council, as a whole, must hold him responsible.

When I last spoke to you, it was in support of firmly composing your Women's Committee membership of people with lived experience. I believe you were given poor advice by your Director of HR, and you chose to keep the membership open. I also spoke about the importance of being an ally and during my delegation Councillor Ip asked me if I could describe what it means to be an ally.

Being an ally means:

1. You act with and for others. **Act.**
2. You commit **fully** to educating yourself
3. You challenge yourself and your **own discomforts**
4. **Take action to create change interpersonally and institutionally**

Chair Bradley, I listened to your interview with Shelby Knox and I was deeply

disappointed with your response, probably because I trust you feel as I do, that Mayor Bylsma's arrogant comments were intended to demean members of our community.

Councillor Bylsma attempted to use his power as Mayor of West Lincoln to not engage with certain members of our Region; he used his authority to block support of raising a Flag that is arguably the greatest historical symbol of inclusion; and when asked to call a special meeting regarding the raising of the flag, he declined to do so.

I do not feel safe when I see David Bylsma. I believe his actions and his abuse of authority have negatively impacted our Region. I believe that David Bylsma has proven that **he cannot act without bias**. And I ask that this Council demonstrate the value of allyship by taking action. Please prohibit David Bylsma from representing the Region or conducting any business on behalf of our Region.

Thank you,
Haley

On Jul 16, 2020 5:39 PM, "Norio, Ann-Marie" <Ann-Marie.Norio@niagararegion.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Bateman,

Please accept this email as confirmation of your delegation to Regional Council at its meeting on July 23, 2020 respecting Correspondence Item CL-C 36-2020 - Letter from A Better Niagara, dated June 18, 2020, respecting diversity and inclusiveness. Our offices are currently closed to the public and we are holding our meetings using electronic participation. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. I will send you the meeting log in details and additional information regarding the electronic meeting next week. Please note that Council meetings are streamed on the internet and/or broadcasted on a local cable network.

In accordance with the Procedural By-law, you will be granted ten (10) minutes to speak, followed by an opportunity to address any questions from Council members. Your delegation may include up to five (5) persons; however, you are limited to two (2) speakers permitted to speak not more than ten (10) minutes in total. Only new information is to be presented by successive speakers of such delegation.

Your delegation request will form part of the official record of the proceedings of Council and will be considered a public document.

Please forward your speaking notes at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Ann-Marie

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Request to Speak at a Standing Committee

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Presentation Topic
ABN Letter

Presentation includes slides
No

Previously presented topic
No

Presentation Details

I wish to address the commitment of Council respecting, equity, inclusion and Diversity and the most recent remarks made by Mayor David Bylsma. My notes will follow, prior to July 16th.

Video Consent
Yes

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