

Hello,

I am sending this email as a written delegation because I cannot attend the meeting at City Hall today.

Please also note that I could not copy Suzanne Valiquet on this email because I couldn't find a specific email address for her. If you are able to forward this to her, please do. I guess there are also new people recently on the board as well, so they should have this too.

I cannot attend the meeting at City Hall because we are still very much in a pandemic. I am a disabled and higher risk person who doesn't feel comfortable around others. I don't want long COVID because I am - already disabled.

Why has the board, and my understanding is that it has been primarily Eli El-Chantiry's decision to stop hybrid meetings? Why can't I attend by Zoom?

This is an accessibility issue and I wonder if it's a human rights issue. Are disabled at risk people not allowed to talk?

Regardless,

I am disgusted with the behaviour of Ottawa Police over the last several months (well, longer, but let's keep this focused to the occupation of downtown).

There is absolutely zero credibility in the organization and if you think appointing Steve Bell as Chief is a good idea, please try to remember where we were before Peter Sloly got here. Steve was gunning (pun intended) for the job because the way policing has been handled throughout the occupation is how he and his fellow senior leadership would prefer.

Sloly definitely had issues regarding this occupation. But let's not pretend Bell is the solution. I know he isn't. And some of you also know this.

I want to see major changes at Ottawa Police. But I believe the biggest changes begin with leadership. And that leadership includes some members of this very board.

It's like we have gone back in time. And that's not a good idea.

Thank you.

Erin O'Neil
Kitchissippi Ward resident.