

Councillor urges end to MissiLeaks probe

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A Mississauga councillor has concluded that probing the "Missileaks" saga by the city's integrity watchdog is "like airing your dirty laundry out in public," and it's time to end it.

"What happens among a family should be discussed together," Sue McFadden (Ward 10) said of the investigation into how an email offering councillors free tickets to Mayor Hazel McCallion's 90th birthday party was leaked to media. "To me, I think it's causing an issue with the division of council again."

Newly appointed integrity commissioner **George Rust-D'Eye** has concluded a preliminary 33-page report in which he says leaking confidential memos "could prejudice the free and candid flow of information from staff to members of Council."

He told the Star he was unable to determine whether it was a councillor, a staff member or a hacker who made two internal memos public.

The first, from city manager Janice Baker, offered two \$350 tickets to each councillor - at a cost of up to \$11,900. It was not marked confidential. Mississauga residents voiced anger over what many saw as an abuse of taxpayer dollars.

But **Rust D'Eye** took issue mainly with the leak of a second email from Baker. That memo, which withdrew the ticket offer and expressed concern over the disclosure of information, went on: "This email may not be forwarded to anyone for any purpose without express written permission of the author."

It was leaked "in breach of confidentiality and breach of trust owed by the city to members of its staff," he wrote.

It's ultimately the commissioner's choice as to whether he ramps up his investigation. But he's looking for council's input into whether he should proceed further.

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