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Councillor calls mayor bully

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Ward 10 Councillor Sue McFadden is asking the City of Mississauga's integrity commissioner to investigate her allegations that Mayor Hazel McCallion is bullying her to the point that she's unable to do her job.

McFadden said she filed the complaint this morning with **George Rust-D'Eye**, whom she's asking to determine if McCallion's actions have violated the City's code of conduct. She cited two events in her complaint: a Family Day gathering on Feb. 27 in which she alleges McCallion was "disdainful, exclusionary, rude and petulant" toward her, and a Chinese New Year celebration last Friday in which McFadden says the mayor turned "her wrath" on her by talking publicly about getting rid of negative forces on Council.

The complaint further states: "To do my job as councillor, I must function at Council. I must also be able to attend events in my community. I believe the badgering I am currently enduring is a direct result of doing my job at Council - asking questions about the Mayor's Gala - and is a direct attempt at intimidation to stop me from asking those questions."

"She doesn't have to have tea and coffee and sandwiches with me, she just has to respect my position as I do hers," said McFadden.

McCallion is out of the country attending a real estate conference and could not be reached for comment.

McFadden said her continued questioning of the annual Mayor's Gala has made her a target of the mayor's ire.

At today's Council meeting, McFadden provided a list of additional questions related to the Mayor's Gala. She wants to know where the money raised has been spent, what staff's involvement is and information about the issuance of charitable tax receipts.

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