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Councillor pulls bullying complaint

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Ward 10 Councillor Sue McFadden has withdrawn her request to have the City of Mississauga's integrity commissioner investigate her allegations that Mayor Hazel McCallion was bullying her to the point that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

McFadden, who made the complaint on Wednesday, told The News today she's decided to "bury the hatchet" and focus on issues she feels are of more importance to residents.

After receiving a request for direction from integrity commissioner **George Rust-D'Eye**, McFadden decided getting him to pursue her complaint was "not worth it.

"I didn't want to spend any taxpayer money on this and my main concern now is moving on," she said.

McFadden said earlier this week that her continued questioning of the annual Mayor's Gala has made her a target of the mayor's ire. She said she'd continue to ask tough questions, regardless of her interactions with the mayor and other members of Council.

In her original complaint, McFadden alleged McCallion was "disdainful, exclusionary, rude and petulant" towards her in public.

The complaint further stated: "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."

McCallion was out of the country on business on Wednesday and is expected back later tonight.

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