

NO: 15196
QUESNEL REGISTRY

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BETWEEN:

SYLVIA BATTLE, WAYDE BATTLE, LARRY DUNN,
JEAN GELINAS, JAN MCKINNEY, WALLY MCKINNEY, and LINDA BUXTON

PETITIONERS

AND:

MARY SJOSTROM, MICHAEL CAVE, JOHN BRISCO, ED COLEMAN, SCOTT ELLIOT, and
LAUREY – ANNE ROODENBURG

RESPONDENTS

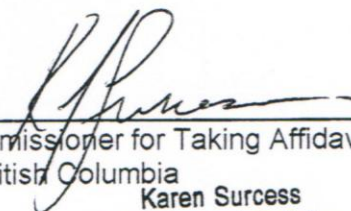
AFFIDAVIT

I, Sushil Thapar, Councillor of the City of Quesnel, of 806 Avison Avenue, Quesnel, British Columbia, **AFFIRM THAT:**

1. I am a Councillor of the City of Quesnel (the "City"), and as such have personal knowledge of the facts and matters hereinafter deposed to, and swear that all such matters are true.
2. I was elected to Quesnel City Council in 2002.
3. I have read the Petition and the Response in this matter.
4. I agree with Part 4, paragraph #2 of the Response. Motion was made to determine this position of council.
5. I attended the meeting of April 16, 2012, referred to in the Petition; I never voted on any severance payout.
6. No severance payment for John Steyck was discussed at the April 16th meeting.
7. There were a number of in-camera meetings held prior to and after the above mentioned meeting by the Executive Committee without notice. No notes or minutes were provided by the Executive Committee.
8. Around this time, Respondent Mary Sjostrom asked me to sign a letter on City letterhead agreeing to keep everything regarding the John Stecyk matter confidential. I refused to sign the letter, but I believe the other councillors signed it.

9. John Steyck's termination came as a result of an April 9th regular meeting. There was cause for termination.
10. During negotiations of John Steyck's contract Jack Marsh, the acting City Manager, allowed the assistant to the Human Resources Manager to remove the Mitigation Clause in the contract that the Human Resources Manager had prepared and was expecting Steyck to sign. It was removed at the request of John Steyck. As a councillor, I was not notified beforehand.
11. I read both evaluations of John Steyck's employment prepared by Jim Craven prior to the end of John Steyck's 6 month probation period. The second evaluation omitted unfavourable reviews and kept favourable reviews. The people who provided favourable reviews, Ken Coombs and Matt Wood, were both promoted following their reviews.

**SWORN BEFORE ME at the City of
Quesnel, in the Province of British Columbia,
This 11th day of June 2013**



Commissioner for Taking Affidavits
in British Columbia
Karen Surcess
Barrister and Solicitor



SUSHIL THAPAR