

**Fort St. John city council motion on Mayor Bruce Lantz**  
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The city council in Fort St. John, B.C., has censured the community's mayor for allegedly "unacceptable" conduct and demands that he not be left alone with any female member of the city's staff.

In a Feb. 28 closed meeting, city councillors voted unanimously for a resolution against Mayor Bruce Lantz, citing complaints about Lantz's conduct "at events in which he is representing the City."

The resolution did not spell out any details of the alleged complaints.

It says councillors "considered the complaints and the response of the Mayor" and then resolved to prohibit him from meeting alone with — or travelling alone with — any female city employee.

They also want to prohibit Lantz from travelling outside the region on city business without prior council approval and only if he's accompanied by another councillor.

The motion specifies that several of the mayor's appointments on different boards would be terminated.

The motion is on the agenda for the next council meeting March 14.

The sanctions would go into effect March 15, the motion says.

Lantz has not responded to interview requests about the motion and did not attend the Feb. 28 meeting

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Fort St. John city council sent a message to Mayor Bruce Lantz Tuesday that his censure was more than just a time out.

At the end of a lengthy meeting, Lantz tabled a motion seeking council's permission to attend an upcoming North Central Local Government Association meeting unchaperoned. Council rejected the request on the grounds that his censure was still in effect.

After the first request was denied Lantz made another motion, seeking to travel to the annual Union of British Columbian Municipalities unattended, which led to a frustrated exchange.

"It's not like this is about babysitting, you've made your point, now lets move on," Lantz told council.

Councillor Trevor Bolin suggested tabling the motion until councillors Dan Davies and Lori Ackerman, who were absent from the meeting, were present. Bolin said he would feel more comfortable if council made the decision unanimously.

Lantz argued that enough councillors were present to form a quorum, which meant there was nothing stopping it from approving his motion.

"There were enough people here to make decisions for Fort St. John all night long. I don't see why you can't make a decision about me," Lantz argued, "Are you worried about me not staying sober?"

In response Bolin suggested waiting to the May 9th meeting to make a decision, in order for council to properly weigh its options.

"We spent a lot of time coming to this decision and I feel like we should have some time to think about it," said Bolin.

"You spent nine months considering your lofty ideas, you would think that would be long enough," retorted Lantz.

"And yet we're still discussing it," said Bolin.

Lantz argued that council must make the decision immediately given the conference was scheduled for May 11th and he needed to let Prince George Mayor, Dan Rogers, know whether or not he would be there to assist with a presentation on the transportation conference Lantz organized earlier in the year.

Councillor Bruce Christensen pointed out that he had spoken with Rogers, and as far as he knew, the Prince George mayor planned to give the presentation alone.

The other three members present agreed with Bolin that Lantz's motion should be tabled to give council time to think about it and to allow the two absent councillors have input.

Visibly perturbed, Lantz withdrew his motion when it became obvious that it would be defeated by council, stating that the situation was "all too predictable."