

Langley mayor censured by councillors over investigation

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Langley Mayor Rick Green is under siege from his own district council, which is trying to oust him. (CBC)

A suburban Vancouver council has lost confidence in its mayor, Rick Green, and has voted to censure and oust him from two high-profile public committees.

Langley Township councillors say Green misled them when he called an emergency meeting last year to discuss an anonymous letter he said contained details of possible illegal actions by a municipal employee and several residents.

Green apologized in May and admitted he had misled council about the allegations after an investigation found no illegal activity.

Councillors have removed Green from Metro Vancouver's regional district board and the Fraser Health Municipal Government Advisory Council, saying the decision will be in effect for the remaining 14 months of the mayor's term.

They also say Green's conduct has cost the township nearly \$70,000 to resolve.

Green has not yet commented on the censure resolution but has called a news conference to discuss his side of the story.

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No charges after probe into Langley township mayor

Langley Township's mayor will not be going to court following an RCMP investigation.

METRO VANCOUVER -- Mayor Rick Green of Langley Township will not be going on trial.

On Friday, special prosecutor David Crossin concluded that no charges should be laid following an RCMP investigation that began last fall.

The investigation was linked to Green's censure by the majority of the Township council.

"Having reviewed the investigative report prepared by the police and applied Criminal Justice Branch policies and charge approval standards, Mr. Crossin concluded that there is no substantial likelihood of conviction for any offences," said a statement released by the ministry of the attorney general.

Crossin, a privately practicing lawyer, was appointed as a special prosecutor because of Green's political position. When public officials are investigated, it is normal to appoint outsiders to look over the case and determine if charges are warranted.

The investigation came as the council and Green continuously battled over the mayor's role, as well as a number of hot-button political issues, from the Township budget to the design of the Mufford-Glover overpass.

Green has repeatedly stated that he felt the investigation into his actions was caused by political motives.

Few details about the actual allegations have been revealed. It is thought to be linked to the Brownshak matter, a land deal that caused controversy in the mid-1990s. Green revived the issue after an anonymous letter was sent to him.

Green was censured for misleading council about when he received the information.

As part of his censure, he was stripped of two of his posts as the Township's representative to Metro Vancouver boards.

Much of what occurred involved private, in camera information, and it is unlikely that the details will be fully released now.

"Given that no charges have been approved by Mr. Crossin, neither he nor the Criminal Justice Branch will be releasing any details of the report which he reviewed," said the attorney general's ministry.