

# Townspeople to Sutton council: Resign or drop the bylaws



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*Sutton council attracted another capacity crowd to Monday night's meeting.*

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The gloves are off.

Citizens at Monday night's Sutton council meeting went on the offensive against town councillors and Mayor Louis Dandenault following revelations that a meeting was held between members of council and locals with real estate interests before zoning and subdivision bylaws 254 and 256 were drafted and presented to the public.

Members of the public took issue with fact that a meeting was held with the potential of tailoring bylaws to the

needs of developers, none of whom are registered lobbyists, according to a local media report.

"There are two possibilities in the coming days," said a citizen during question period at Monday's meeting. Either council should withdraw Bylaws 254 and 256 as well as H-50, or Councillor Kenneth Hill and Mayor Louis Dandenault should resign immediately.

"Which will you choose?" he asked.

Dandenault replied that no one would be stepping down from council.

He went on to say that there was nothing unlawful about the meeting in question.

"Council can meet with citizens. We

get requests all the time," Dandenault said, referring to groups and community organizations looking for support from the town on one subject or another.

Dandenault then explained that in order to learn about property issues, you ask people who own property. You don't ask a cashier at IGA, he said.

The comment was met with boos from the roughly 60 members of public at the meeting.

"We didn't promise anything to anyone. We just listened," he said.

Another citizen pointed out that in previous meetings, council inferred that the bylaws in question had come

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