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This letter is to be published by the City Clerk on the Council agenda web page related to CC40.1 - Payment of Legal Expenses Related to an Integrity Commissioner Investigation

Dear Members of Council:

I am writing to object to the proposed motion to reimburse Councillor Moise's legal expenses in connection with the recent Integrity Commissioner investigation. The Commissioner found that Councillor Moise breached the Code of Conduct by engaging in derogatory conduct toward a member of the public. Council chose not to impose a sanction and instead received the report. In these circumstances, reimbursing legal costs would effectively negate the finding of misconduct.

While Council may have discretion to reimburse legal expenses, that discretion is not a blank cheque. It is intended to protect members who are cleared, not to indemnify misconduct. In this case, the Integrity Commissioner made a clear finding of a breach of the Code of Conduct. Reimbursing legal costs would shift the cost of defending that misconduct onto taxpayers and undermine the City's accountability framework.

Council is entrusted with enforcing the Code of Conduct. That responsibility includes deterring the very conduct the Code prohibits. Approving reimbursement in these circumstances would reward conduct that Council is expected to deter and further diminish public confidence in its commitment to enforce its own standards. There is no requirement under the Municipal Act, 2001 or any City policy that obligates Council to approve reimbursement. I urge Council to reject the motion.

Yours truly,  
Jacqueline Connors  
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