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Council Meeting April 17, 2018

Good evening Honourable Council and fellow ratepayers

My name, for those of you that don't know me, is Tom Brittner.

I have been a volunteer and a ratepayer here for the last 10 years.

I was a professional firefighter with the City of Regina for over 30 years.

I had specialty training in structural firefighting, EMS, BTLS, ATLS, Water Rescue, High Angle Rescue, Trench Rescue, Building Collapse, HazMat, MVA Extrication, Fire Command, and much more.

I retired as a station captain and was awarded an exemplary service medal from the province of Saskatchewan and 30 year exemplary medal from the Governor General's office for my outstanding service.

Enough about me!

I have sat in these council chambers and listened to a representative from the Saskatchewan Governments Occupational Health and Safety Division explaining to this council the importance of conforming to Saskatchewan Laws.

I watched and listened while council agreed to this rep and heard the consequences/fines levied to the municipalities that did not follow the guidelines.

When our maintenance supervisor was handed the role of fire liaison/fire chief, I asked if he had any qualifications for such a promotion.

None were given.

Since then our EMO trailer has been relocated to the quonset, usable equipment has been removed, and it has become inaccessible to the people who rely on it's contents.

On Good Friday of this year a Fire Emergency was reported in the Lakeview area, close to Mr. Hollick's residence,

Our only responding Firefighter to this incident had to enter this burning building with only street clothes, no tools, and no breathing apparatus.

His firefighting turnouts were located in the locked maintenance quonset.

Does this council have any idea of national laws that were broken?

While this was going on our Fire Chief did not respond.

In fact, our fire chief has never attended any emergency fire call.

He was once left in charge to observe a controlled burn in the south end of Katepwa, but only showed up after I put out that unsupervised fire.

I have read some texts that refer to the south end people as poison and complainers.

I have read that we want to disrupt the tranquility of this valley and never offer any solutions to the issues we bring forward.

Well tonight I will attempt to offer this council some solutions.

First of all you need to find a person with qualifications when you place them in a supervisory role as a fire chief.

This person should show an interest in the position and show a passion for the well being of this valley and the people that live here.

This person could be the one that initially fund raised and purchased the EMO trailer and it's contents.

Give access to the people needing this life and property saving equipment.

Place a push button access key for the facility harbouring the trailer.

Compartmentalize the shop if there are concerns of missing tools.

And lastly, I'd like to recommend that this council apologise to Corey Hodson for placing his life in danger and thank him for not reporting you to the authorities.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Butler".

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