



## **Brampton's Former Integrity Commissioner Speaks Out**

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*Brampton* - Oct 18, 2022 - Brampton's former Integrity Commissioner, *Muneeza Sheikh*, has released a statement to clarify and correct facts regarding the sexual assault allegations against Brampton's Ward 9 & 10 Regional Councillor, Gurpreet Dhillon, and Sheikh's investigation.

### **Statement of Muneeza Sheikh**

I am the former Integrity Commissioner of the City of Brampton. I was removed from this position earlier this year, and I am engaged in litigation with the City of Brampton and Councillor Dhillon with respect to my removal.

I am commenting on several inaccuracies and omissions in Councillor Dhillon's statement, as they relate to my investigation as Integrity Commissioner into a complaint that he had sexually assaulted a Brampton business owner.

Councillor Dhillon states he was never interviewed by the Integrity Commissioner. As part of my investigation, I attempted for months to meet with Councillor Dhillon. Through his counsel, he refused to meet with me, and ultimately I had to render a decision. Councillor Dhillon had ample opportunity to respond.

Councillor Dhillon states there was no finding of guilt. This was not a criminal investigation, however, my report concluded that Councillor Dhillon's actions violated several rules in the City's Code of Conduct for Members of Council, including harassment, discreditable conduct, failure to adhere to Council's policies and procedures, and obstruction of my investigation. City Council accepted my recommendations for sanction, and suspended Councillor Dhillon for 90 days without pay, and reprimanded him.

Councillor Dhillon attempted to challenge and overturn my decision in court. Three judges of the Superior Court of Justice upheld my decision and almost all of the sanctions that I recommended.

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