



## **Dozens Protest Against Regional Councillor Gurpreet Dhillon**

*Brampton* - Oct 2, 2022 - Dozens of Brampton residents joined in protest against current Brampton Regional Councillor (Ward 9&10) Gurpreet Dhillon who is running for re-election. The protest took place outside of his campaign office on Bovaird Drive.

The event organized by a new registered third party group called '74NOs' was held to raise awareness among voters of the Councillor's controversial past. He faced serious allegations of sexual harassment by a woman who attended a City of Brampton trade mission to Turkey in 2019 with Dhillon and others. Her interaction with Dhillon was recorded and the woman can be heard saying 'no' to Dhillon 74 times with 2 minutes and 47 seconds as he tries to engage her in a sexual encounter.

After an investigation, Brampton's integrity commissioner determined Dhillon (who is married with children) sexually harassed the woman while in Turkey and recommended he be suspended without pay for 90 days, the harshest penalty her office can prescribe. Although the victim reported the incident to Peel Regional Police, they had no jurisdiction to lay charges or prosecute Dhillon as it happened in Turkey

In 2020 council unanimously passed a motion asking Dhillon to resign however he refused and challenged the integrity commissioner's ruling in Ontario Superior court. He was unsuccessful and was ordered to pay \$40,000 in costs.

"As Brampton voters head to the polls on October 24, we feel that it's important for everyone to be aware of what Gurpreet Dhillon has been involved in so they can make informed decisions," says a spokesperson for the group. "We are a group of concerned citizens who have come together because Brampton deserves better and women deserve better than to have a representative like this at City Hall."

In August 2022 media reported the city paid \$60,000 in taxpayer money to settle the sexual harassment complaint against Dhillon without Council approval.

"This councillor is not fit for office and it's time he did the right thing and stepped down," says a spokesperson for the group. "We will continue to use our voice to stand up for women and stand up for integrity."

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