



Special meeting called over McIntosh issue

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HAMILTON TOWNSHIP -- The head of Hamilton Township council called another special, in-camera session about its former chief administrative officer Tuesday afternoon.

Mayor Mark Lovshin told Northumberland Today before the meeting that part of it would deal with Betty McIntosh.

McIntosh was fired from her job suddenly this past spring in a 3/2 vote in which he and Councillor Gary Woods voted against ousting the township employee of 23 years.

The township's legal counsel was to provide updates to council during yesterday's meeting, Lovshin said, adding he was unable to be more specific because of the nature of the in-camera session.

Hamilton Township council has been served a libel notice by McIntosh's lawyers and Deputy Mayor Isobel Hie, who voted in favour of firing McIntosh together with Councillors John Davison and Donna Cole, has been served a separate notice, according to McIntosh's legal firm. He has not returned telephone calls from this newspaper seeking comment.

In addition, the township council is awaiting a response to the settlement offer it made to McIntosh.

Lovshin said he did not expect a resolution or motion -- or any public statement -- to be made at the conclusion of Tuesday afternoon's closed-door meeting which was taking place after press deadline.

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