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Councillor Robin Parker
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Dear *Robin*

Given the recent change in the political make up of both Government and the Council, the Majority Group have decided that it is no longer appropriate for us to continue with the arrangement whereby in alternate years the position of Mayor may be offered to an opposition Member.

A related factor in us reaching this decision is that we intend to no longer appoint both a Deputy Mayor and a Mayor Designate. This means that we will be expecting the Mayor to Chair Council meetings in their entirety. The elected Deputy Mayor (the old "Mayor Designate") would chair a Council meeting only in the Mayor's absence and it would be anticipated that the person holding the position of Deputy Mayor would be proposed as Mayor in the following Municipal Year.

Whilst we would continue to expect the Mayor not to bring her/his personal politics to the ceremonial role or duties in the community and to chair Council meetings without political bias I am sure you can recognised that with a larger opposition on the Council and a Government not of the same political party as the Council's Majority Group the chairing of the Council may become increasingly important in supporting the administration.

Yours sincerely

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