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Dear Mayor and city council members,

My thoughts, as a Waterloo resident, on the Monday city council agenda.

What is the logic behind taking away and restricting the use of certain equipment used by police officers that can help improve their jobs and make them feel safe in dangerous

situations?

At my job, if certain equipment or technology was taken away it would greatly limit how I perform my job and the outcome of results I could produce. Which would negatively affect many people. Probably even one of you, if you happened to be a patient of mine. And in my field of work, I want to always give my patients the best care and test results that I can. If myself or my family was a patient I would expect the best care, given by the best health care professionals, who had the best tools and technology available to them.

That feeling is no different being a citizen of Waterloo. And especially being a victim of a crime. As a victim it didn't matter the race, age, or gender of the person who victimized me. What mattered, and has mattered ever since, is that the police have the tools they need to find the criminal and help make me feel safe.

I depended on the police to find someone that was a known registered sex offender, a repeat offender, and violent. A middle aged, white male, if you were wondering. But those labels never mattered to me, the only one that has ever mattered was 'criminal'. Believing that the police had the tools to do this gave me comfort and made me feel safe. But how could I ever expect someone to do such a thing for me, that I'm not willing to do myself, without the tools they need to make them feel safe on the job. If my employer asked me to do my job without the necessary tools I need to do it well and safely, you better believe I'd walk right out of there.

And I hope you are all prepared for that to happen as well. You should never ask or expect people putting their lives on the line each day for you, me, and our families, to do it without the resources they need to feel safe and do it well.

It's ridiculous and appalling to even ask them to try! You wouldn't do your job without the necessary tools you needed to do it well, neither would I, and no one should ask our hard working public servants to do it either!

Or expect to be hiring a new team of public servants. If you could find anyone to perform the job with the restrictions and limited resources you are asking of them.

And as far as changing the Griffin. Would you change your family Crest? No, I'm sure you wouldn't. Because it's your history, part of your past, your story, and you'd want it carried on into the future. Why ask generations of 'family' to forget that all and change something that has been a part of their history, a part of who and what they are?

In researching the mythological Griffin, there is absolutely nothing race based in the definition or history. So making the change is just appeasing a small group of people, but removing another groups history and 'family Crest', something that has defined them and been a part of who they are.

I'm not one to speak out, until the issues run deep.

And I'm very disappointed as a citizen that these issues are even on the city council agenda!

As Mr. Dan Trelka put it so well. "These actions defy logic and sensibility."
Amen, Mr. Trelka. Amen.

Sincerely,

A very disappointed and concerned Waterloo citizen, standing up for those that fought the fight for me, put their lives on the line everyday, and work tirelessly to make you and I feel safe.

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