



Staff photo by Fred Loek

Alan Gold, lawyer for Cliff Gyles, speaks to the media after a bail hearing Friday for the Ward 5 councillor. Gyles managed to elude photographers, but is expected to return to work this week.

## Councillor granted bail, plans return to City Hall

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Mississauga City Councillor Cliff Gyles will be allowed back on the job after an Ontario Court judge released him from jail Friday, but the long-time local politician remains under investigation by Peel police who charged him with corruption earlier in the week.

After spending four nights at Maplehurst Detention Centre in Milton following his arrest, the 57-year-old Gyles was granted bail on \$75,000 after a day-long hearing inside a packed Brampton courtroom.

Under bail conditions imposed by the court, Gyles, who sits as both a City of Mississauga and Region of Peel councillor, must have no contact with the man who initially brought bribery allegations to police and he can only participate in City and Regional council meetings and special council meetings.

City council is meeting Monday morning to discuss the upcoming budget. A regular council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday morning.

Gyles is scheduled back in Brampton court April 10.

He is charged with municipal corruption, breach

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## ***Vigorous defence planned by councillor's lawyer***

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ernment.

Outside the courthouse, Gyles' lawyer Alan Gold told reporters he's planning a vigorous defence and that his client will be pleading not guilty.

Gold said Gyles is looking forward to resuming his duties as councillor. The Ontario Municipal Act provides elected officials the right to keep their

seats unless convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to jail.

"There's a lot more to this story than has been made public," Gold said outside court. "It will be a most interesting case."

"I'm confident that if there's an ongoing investigation, they'll come up empty-handed," Gold added.

In efforts to avoid reporters and photographers, Gyles snuck

out of the courthouse late Friday afternoon through a rear emergency exit and was quickly whisked off in a waiting car.

After a month-long probe, Peel police charged the Ward 5 councillor with seeking a kick-back from a businessman in return for political influence over the rezoning of the former Malton branch of the Royal Canadian Legion for a funeral home.