

Trial date for councillor set next month

Charges against City Councillor Cliff Gyles were delayed until Aug. 10 when he made a brief appearance in a Brampton court Friday.

Lawyer Michael Arbutina, representing Gyles, asked that he be bound over until Aug. 10 when a trial date would be set.

Madame Justice K. L. McLeod said she understood that a pre-trial was likely in the case. During a pre-trial, which is held in private, the crown lays out its case and discussions are held on the likely length of the case and prospective witnesses.

Arbutina said he knew nothing of the proposed pre-trial.

"I suspect there will be some sort of pre-trial," commented Crown Attorney Cameron Watson. "I think that will likely be spoken to Aug. 10."

McLeod said she would clarify the issue with Gyles' main lawyer in the case, Alan Gold, later.

The Ward 5 councillor faces trial on a number of charges. He was first arrested in February and charged with municipal corruption, among other things, relating to a \$100,000 bribe offer involving a rezoning application in his ward.

On July 18, Gyles turned himself in to police and was charged with several additional counts. He was charged with fraud under \$5,000, attempting to obtain

credit by fraud, obtaining credit by fraud, two counts of perjury and uttering a forged document.

The fraud charge is in relation to an application for a rebate from the government as a first-time home buyer.

Under new stricter bail conditions, Gyles' activities as an elected representative have been significantly curtailed by the courts.

He is permitted to attend City of Mississauga and Region of Peel meetings only to record his attendance at the beginning of each session. He is not permitted to take part in any debates.

After the first charges, Gyles had been permitted to attend council sessions but not committee meetings.

Mayor Hazel McCallion has assumed Ward 5 councillor duties.

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