

# Flynn says his computer was not wiped clean

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In an interview with the Oakville Beaver Tuesday, Flynn said his computer was not one

of those alleged to have had their hard drives wiped clean to remove politically-sensitive documents.

"Oh, God no. Nothing like that," said Flynn.

"We (his office) haven't been involved in this at all. Everything seems to have centred around the Premier's Office."

The OPP are investigating David Livingston, the chief of staff to former premier Dalton McGuinty. It is alleged Livingston obtained a special global access computer password for an outside expert to go through the hard drives.

### 'You just clean up'

OPP allege that person was Peter Faist, the boyfriend of Laura Miller, McGuinty's former deputy chief of staff for communications and strategy. It was confirmed this week Faist worked for the Ontario Liberal Party until last Sunday.

Flynn said he has no knowledge of any deletion of sensitive emails.

"I think this has to do as much with the introduction of new technology as anything else," said Flynn.

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ments were taken whether you were changing from one government to the other. When the Progressive Conservatives (PCs) left office, they wouldn't have left any of their files behind, that's for sure. I think you just clean up and you let the new people take over."

Flynn said the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario has made recommendations con-

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cerning proper record-keeping moving forward, which Premier Kathleen Wynne has adopted.

He also weighed in on recent allegations by PC Leader Tim Hudak that Wynne personally oversaw and possibly ordered destruction of documents. Wynne then threatened to take legal action if Hudak did not retract his remarks.

Flynn argued that Hudak's comments are baseless. He said it has been made clear that Wynne was not premier when it is alleged the

hard drives were wiped.

He added that it is sad Wynne had to resort to threaten legal action, but said Hudak left her no choice.

Flynn called the PC leader's conduct "disgraceful" and a "dereliction of his duties."

"The Premier has just been as open as she could possibly be on things surrounding the power plant. What siting decisions were used, should there be setbacks, how was the decision made by the Ontario Power Authority," said Flynn.

"A lot of those documents have been released as a result of the Premier agreeing to do those things. She has appeared before the Justice Committee herself twice.

"She has opened up anything she has the ability to open up and, yet, the Opposition Party is continuing to play these silly games."

Flynn said he doesn't believe it would make sense for the opposition parties to call an election now, but said his party is prepared to if that is what they want.

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