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COUNCILLOR 'PROUD' OF TOWN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA

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centre for a Chinese-based LED lighting company.

"This is a municipality, there should be full disclosure," said regional council hopeful Mark Lockwood.

The former RBC manager spoke about business exchanges that he oversaw, one in Portugal, where the objectives were clearly laid out before the trip.

"There should have been a full itinerary," he said. "There should have been a detailed explanation of what is being brought back."

Long-standing Ward 3 Coun. Dave Kentner said that he took offence to the comments, noting that there in fact was full disclosure.

"There was a full and open discussion in council," he said, noting that given the political climate regarding trade with the U.S. it behooves Canadian leaders to make as many international business connections as possible.

Ward 3 council contender Wendy Farrow-Reed commented that staff from the Halton Hills chamber of commerce had not signed a Wenjiang agreement, and that she

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personally does not agree with China's stance on human rights.

Councillor Moya Johnson said that regardless of their views on human rights, leaders in Wenjiang were eager to learn about environmentalism.

"They were just drinking up our information on sustainability," said Johnson, who went on the trip alongside representatives from Halton Hills, including Fogal, Mayor Rick Bonnette and CAO Brent Marshall.

"I'm proud of our relationship with China," said Johnson. "I hope it continues."

STORY BEHIND THE STORY

Town officials traveled to China last fall, when they met with business leaders in China. It is their hope that a connection sparks between a Chinese-based LED lighting company and Halton Hills Hydro to set up a distribution centre here.



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