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ANOTHER ADJOURNMENT IN CASE OF TRUSTEE CHARGED WITH FRAUD

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The legal case involving fraud charges against Oakville Catholic school board trustee Nancy Guzzo has been adjourned to allow for a resolution meeting.

The presiding justice at the Hamilton court on Tuesday, Dec. 21 granted the defence counsel's request to conduct another Crown pretrial, also known as a resolution meeting, on Jan. 13, 2022.

Assistant Crown attorney Kimberley Rogers told the court that the matter is closing in on a year.

"This matter needs to move forward. It's spinning its wheels in this court and just clogging up our already very busy docket for



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NANCY GUZZO

no good reason," Rogers said, noting that there were already multiple resolution meetings since April.

The last one was scheduled on Nov. 29.

Rogers said there's no indication of any changes in the Crown's position.

"So after about five Crown pretrials, it's time that the defence either schedule the matter for a guilty plea or for trial," she

said. "We will have gone the better part of the year with the Crown ready to set a trial date and nothing happening."

The Ontario court justice shared the concerns of the Crown and asked the defence to talk to the accused about filing a designation or appearing on the next court date.

Guzzo was charged by Hamilton police on Jan. 21 with 10 counts of fraud under \$5,000 and two counts of fraud over \$5,000, related to her employment with the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), specifically in her position as assistant business manager for LIUNA Local 3000.

The matter will return to court on Jan. 18, 2022.

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