

Chair, executive director resign from chamber

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Rick Upton is now at the helm of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce.

The organization's vice-chairperson and Ward 4 councillor candidate took charge earlier this week, after its executive director and board chairperson both unexpectedly resigned Sept. 15.

Bruno Grise and Marie Josee Riverin resigned during last week's board meeting.

Grise, according to Upton, put forward a motion that did not receive a seconder. Grise then announced his resignation.

"We unanimously disagreed with it," Upton said. "For some reason it bothered him."

Upton would not elaborate on the motion, only saying it was "quite complicated".

Immediately following Grise's resignation, the chamber's chairperson, Riverin, who is also Grise's wife, also quit, according to Upton.

"That's unfortunate. Where do we go from here?" Upton said of the board's immediate reaction.

They decided to regroup the following week and come up with a plan. Duties that would have been undertaken by Grise and Riverin have been divided among the board members.

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Grise sent out a media release from the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce's email account Sept. 17 noting his resignation, citing "irreconcilable differences".

"... it has come to my attention that there are individuals who are in probable conflict of interest positions within the chamber, as well as members who have likely used the

chamber to further their own personal agendas. It is unfortunate that the board of directors is unwilling to adequately address these issues," Grise's statement said, in part.

Upton would not elaborate on what Grise was referring to.

EVENTS TO CONTINUE

"We just feel it would be unprofessional to go back and forth in the paper or with media releases about innuendo and unfounded accusations," Upton told The Sun-Tribune.

Without knowing Riverin also resigned, The Sun-Tribune contacted her for comment, regarding Grise's departure.

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She responded via email:

"Certain circumstances were brought to the attention of the board by the executive director at our most recent meeting. It was agreed that the issues raised by the executive director were serious and needed to be addressed. However, with utmost respect to my fellow board members, our philosophies diverged as to when and how to best address those issues. In the absence of decisive action by the board, I have decided to tender my resignation as board chair."

The Sept. 22 networking breakfast went on as scheduled, with about 25 attendees, according to Upton. All other events will go on as planned.

"There should be very little or no notice by the members," he said.

Grise replaced Edward Nelles in April, who held the post for two years before resigning to pursue other opportunities.

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