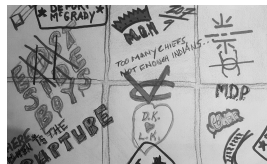


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STILLSON TRIAL STARTS NEXT WEEK



BY JOHN MARSHALL

The trial of Maple Grove PD Head Inspector Jerome Watson, 62, will begin next week, according to Watson's advocates.

"The fact that this case will even be going to trial is a travesty," said Lionel Phelps, head lawyer for Watson.

Watson is on trial for fraud, money laundering and extortion. Watson has been the head of Maple Grove PD for the last 11 years. He took over from longtime commander Derek Nolan who was killed by serial killer Walter Fields along with 13 other police officers during Fields' rampage a decade ago.

Phelps called the entire process a "sham" and "this is nothing more than a witch hunt perpetrated by the real criminals." When asked who clarification, Phelps did not answer directly, instead stating that "the truth will finally come out during the trial. Inspector Watson is an innocent man and his image has been falsely tarnished by certain political insiders."

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Increase in Homeless Worry Council



BY OMAR SINGH

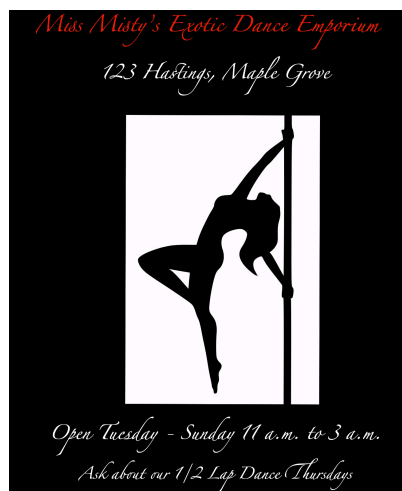
With winter just around the corner, the concern about the increase of homeless and food insecure residents in Maple Grove has been a “major issue here at city hall.

“We know, with the colder weather coming, that people will need a place to stay and warm food, too,” said Madeline Desrochers, spokesperson for Mayor Declan McGrady.

McGrady could not be reached for comment directly as he is has been “on vacation down south” for the last three weeks.

Desrochers said that council “has earmarked some money in the upcoming budget for our more vulnerable citizens” but would not specify how much nor show The Examiner any documentation on the topic.

“This issue is a top priority for us,” added Desrochers



Businessman Arturo Nardelli donates 50k to new library fund



Business man and entrepreneur, Arturo Nardelli, has made a \$50,000 donation for the new Maple Grove Library.

“it’s a pleasure to help out,” Nardelli said in a recent phone interview with The Examiner.

The new library, that still has a two million dollar deficit, is hoping to open soon.

