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Council in Brief:

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Follow the rules, or get out

BOWMANVILLE -- If you're not going to follow the rules, you won't be welcome in Clarington council chambers.

That was the message from Mayor Jim Abernethy during Monday's meeting of Clarington council.

When the majority of the people in the gallery burst into applause after an anti-incineration speaker completed her comments, the mayor was clear.

There is to be "no expression of clapping, no booing, nothing like that, I'm sorry," said Mayor Abernethy. "If you are willing to sit here and listen to council, listen to the presenters ... and abide by the rules of our council chambers, then you are welcome to stay.

"Otherwise, I'm sorry, but you have to leave."