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Integrity Commissioner Office
for Haldimand County

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Sent by e-mail to:

Evelyn Eichenbaum, Municipal Clerk
Haldimand County
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**Re: Haldimand County - Integrity Commissioner
Annual Report**

Dear Ms. Eichenbaum:

Thank you for the opportunity to act as the Integrity Commissioner (or "IC") for Haldimand County (the "County") over the past year.

In accordance with the terms of the Agreement between the City and ADR Chambers pursuant to section 223.6(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, we are providing our annual report for the first operating period of the Agreement covering the period March 4, 2019 to March 3, 2020.

As you know, the IC's role is to help Members of Council ("Members") ensure that they are performing their functions in accordance with the City's Code of Conduct ("the Code"), and the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act ("MCIA"). The IC is available to educate and provide advice to Members on matters governing their ethical behaviour and compliance with the Code and the MCIA. The IC is also responsible for receiving, assessing, and investigating appropriate complaints made by Council, Members, and members of the public respecting alleged breaches of the Code by Members or complaints by electors of the City or persons demonstrably acting in the public interest that a Member has contravened the provisions of the MCIA.

Activities During the First Year

During our first year of service to Haldimand County, the IC was requested to and conducted a review of the County's Code of Conduct. The review included consideration of several municipal codes of conduct and the best practices of Members of Council.

We also attended before Council in November 2019 to provide an educational seminar for Members of Council focusing on the implementation of various provisions of Bill 69 which involved changes to the Municipal Act and the MCIA, which affect all members of the Council and the County.

Cost

The total cost incurred by the County during the year for the services performed (including an education seminar for Council) amounted to \$3,771.38 (including tax). This amount, however, does not include any billings for work concerning matters before me, which were initiated or in progress but not completed before the end for the review period (March 3, 2020).

Summary

It has been a pleasure to assist the County and its Members with the issues that have arisen in connection with the administration of its Code of Conduct. I look forward to continuing to provide the services of Integrity Commissioner to the County in the upcoming year

Yours truly,



Charles Harnick
Integrity Commissioner for Haldimand County