
HALDIMAND COUNTY

Report CLS-02-2021 Integrity Commissioner Annual Report
For Consideration by Council in Committee on March 30, 2021



OBJECTIVE:

To receive the Integrity Commissioner's 2021 annual report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report CLS-02-2021 Integrity Commissioner Annual Report be received.

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Approved: Craig Manley, MCIP, RPP, Chief Administrative Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As authorized through legislation and required through the agreement for provision of Integrity Commissioner (IC) services for Haldimand County, this report provides the IC's second annual report on activities undertaken throughout this past year.

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with requirements of the *Municipal Act, 2001* (Act), Haldimand County appointed Charles Harnick, ADR Chambers Inc. as the County's IC on March 4, 2019 for a term of four years.

ANALYSIS:

The services provided by the IC include: providing advice to members of Council and members of local boards in regards to the code of conduct and any procedures, rules and policies governing members' ethical behaviour; providing advice on relevant sections of the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* (MCIA); an annual report on the IC's activities; reviewing complaints submitted under the code of conduct and conducting inquiries as required, and providing educational information to members of Council, members of local boards and the public about the code of conduct and the MCIA.

Attachment 1 to this report includes the IC's second annual report on activities undertaken as Haldimand County's IC. The IC report indicates that no requests for advice or complaints were submitted to the IC, nor were any education sessions provided.

FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Initially, \$20,000 was budgeted as a broad estimate of costs to be incurred on an annual basis for services related to reviewing the existing code of conduct, responding to inquiries for advice, reviewing

any complaints that are submitted, providing training, and submitting an annual report. That same budget has been included in the 2021 budget. The costs incurred over the year March 4, 2020 to March 3, 2021 totaled \$0. Future budgets may be adjusted once a reliable trend of expenditures is available for estimation purposes.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:

Not applicable.

REPORT IMPACTS:

Agreement: No

By-law: No

Budget Amendment: No

Policy: No

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Haldimand County – Integrity Commissioner Annual Report dated March 8, 2021