

Integrity Commissioner Office for Haldimand County

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Sent by e-mail to:

Evelyn Eichenbaum, Municipal Clerk Haldimand County <u>eeichenbaum@haldimandcounty.on.ca</u>

Dear Ms. Eichenbaum:

Re: File No.: IC-17878-0522: Haldimand County - Integrity Commissioner Annual Report-Operating Period March 4, 2021 to March 3, 2022.

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 County and ADR Chambers pursuant to section 223.6(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, we are providing our annual report for the third operating period of the Agreement covering the period March 4, 2021 to March 3, 2022.

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 County'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 County or persons demonstrably acting in the public interest that a Member has contravened the provisions of the MCIA.

Code of Conduct Complaints

The Integrity Commissioner received no Code of Conduct complaints during this operating period.

Requests for Advice

One request for advice was received and responded to during this operating period.

The request for advice by Members must always be made in writing to the Integrity Commissioner and the advice given to Members is always provided in writing, in accordance with the provisions of the County's Code and the applicable provisions of the MCIA.

Advice from the Integrity Commissioner should not be considered to constitute legal advice, and Members are always encouraged to seek the advice of their personal solicitor should they believe legal advice is necessary.

Education

The Integrity Commissioner provided no education to Council during this operating period.

Billing

A summary of billing for the year is included in this report as Appendix 1.

Final Comments

I look forward to assisting the Municipality and its Members of Council in contending with the issues that may arise in connection with the administration of its Code in the coming year.

Yours truly,

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Charles Harnick Integrity Commissioner for Haldimand County

APPENDIX 1 Summary of Billing

Billing for the year to date has totaled **\$1,582.00**, as detailed below.

Invoice Number	Date	Fees	HST	Total
7184	06/07/2021	\$1,400.00	\$182.00	\$1,582.00
TOTAL		\$1,400.00	\$182.00	\$1,582.00