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# HALDIMAND COUNTY

## Report CLE-06-2023 Integrity Commissioner Annual Report For Consideration by Council in Committee on May 23, 2023

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### OBJECTIVE:

To receive the Integrity Commissioner's annual report for the period March 4, 2022 to March 3, 2023.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report CLE-06-2023 Integrity Commissioner Annual Report be received.

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**Approved:** Cathy Case, Acting 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 fourth annual report on activities undertaken throughout the year from March 4, 2022 to March 3, 2023.

### BACKGROUND:

Charles Harnick, ADR Chambers Inc. was appointed as the IC for Haldimand County on March 4, 2019 for a term of four years, with renewal options of two one-year term extensions, in accordance with the requirements of section 223.3 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*. The County and ADR Chambers Inc. are now in the first one-year extension of the agreement.

### 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 fourth annual report on activities undertaken as Haldimand County's IC. The IC report indicates that during this period, one complaint was received, no requests for advice were submitted to the IC, and no education sessions were provided.

### FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

\$20,000 is budgeted annually for IC 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. The costs incurred over the year March 4, 2022 to March 3, 2023 totaled \$3,046, including HST.

### **STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:**

Not applicable.

### **REPORT IMPACTS:**

Agreement: No

By-law: No

Budget Amendment: No

Policy: No

### **REFERENCES:**

1. [Municipal Act, 2001](#)

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Haldimand County – Integrity Commissioner Annual Report dated May 12, 2023