

June 16, 2016

Chair and Members
Corporate Services Committee

Re: Request for Inquiry by the Integrity Commissioner

Given the circumstances involving the Mayor and a Ward Councillor, which were recently brought to light on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 by both parties, I believe that the Municipal Council has a fiduciary responsibility to request that the Integrity Commissioner conduct an inquiry into whether or not there has been a contravention of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council by either of those two Members of Council, and to provide any recommendations with respect to the inquiry for Council to consider.

The Terms of Reference the Municipal Council approved for its Integrity Commissioner require "a report to Council, in writing, where an inquiry has been conducted and the Integrity Commissioner is of the opinion that a Member of Council has contravened the Code of Conduct for Members of Council and include any recommendations with respect to the inquiry for Council to consider". In this particular instance I believe it is important that even if the Integrity Commissioner's findings are such that the Code of Conduct has not be contravened by either party, the Integrity Commissioner should still report that finding to Council, in writing, and should advise if the Code of Conduct should be strengthened in terms of how it is applied to this type of circumstance. I would respectfully request that the Corporate Services Committee consider making the following recommendation to the Municipal Council:

"That the Integrity Commissioner BE REQUESTED to conduct an inquiry into whether or not there has been a contravention of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council by either of the Mayor or the Ward Councillor involved in the circumstances brought to light on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, and to provide his findings and recommendations with respect to the inquiry, including whether or not the Code of Conduct should be strengthened in terms of how it is applied to this type of circumstance, in writing, for the Municipal Council's consideration."

Respectfully submitted,

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