

5TH REPORT OF THE

2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMPLIANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Meeting held on July 26, 2019, commencing at 10:00 AM, in Committee Room #5, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: A. Wright (Chair), D. Ross, C. Scrimgeour and C. Saunders (Secretary)

ALSO PRESENT: M. Butlin, K. Campbell, S. Corman, C. Hill and J. Raycroft.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that A. Wright disclosed conflict of interest on Item 3.4 of this Report, although not pecuniary in nature, as the subject Respondent is represented by Siskinds Law Firm.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

2.1 4th Report of the 2018 Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee

SCRIMGEOUR AND ROSS

That the 4th Report of the 2018 Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee, from the meeting held on June 27, 2019 BE APPROVED.
CARRIED

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

IN CLOSED SESSION

SCRIMGEOUR AND ROSS

That the 2018 Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee (Committee) rise and go In Closed Session, for the purpose of deliberating with respect to the Application by Stephen Turner for Compliance Audit of Amir Farahi and the Application by Stephen Turner for Compliance Audit of Blackridge Strategies. CARRIED.

The Committee rises and goes In Closed Session at 11:40 AM.

The Committee, In Closed Session, rises at 11:58 AM and reconvenes at 12:00 PM.

3.2 Application by Stephen Turner for Compliance Audit of Amir Farahi

SCRIMGEOUR AND ROSS

That the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to prepare a decision of the 2018 Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee (Committee) with respect to the Application by Stephen Turner for Compliance Audit (Application) of Amir Farahi (Respondent) that outlines the reasons for the Committee's decision to reject the Application and not to order a compliance audit in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* as the Committee determined that they do not have jurisdiction to deal with the Application given that the Respondent did not register as a third party advertiser during the 2018 Municipal Election;

it being noted that the Committee received verbal presentations from Stephen Turner and Agent for the Respondent, with respect to this matter. CARRIED

3.3 Application by Stephen Turner for Compliance Audit of Blackridge Strategy

SCRIMGEOUR AND ROSS

That the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to prepare a decision of the 2018 Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee (Committee) with respect to the Application by Stephen Turner for Compliance Audit (Application) of Blackridge Strategy (Respondent) that outlines the reasons for the Committee's decision to reject the Application and not to order a compliance audit in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* as the Committee determined that they do not have jurisdiction to deal with the Application given that the Respondent did not register as a third party advertiser during the 2018 Municipal Election;

it being noted that the Committee received verbal presentations from Stephen Turner and Agent for the Respondent, with respect to this matter. CARRIED

Appointment of Acting Chair

SCRIMGEOUR AND WRIGHT

That D. Ross BE ELECTED as Acting Chair for the portion of the July 26, 2019 Meeting of the 2018 Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee as it relates to Item 3.4 related to the Application by Stephen Turner for Compliance Audit of Barry Phillips. CARRIED

At 12:34 PM, A. Wright leaves the meeting.

3.4 Application by Stephen Turner for Compliance Audit of Barry Phillips

SCRIMGEOUR AND ROSS

That the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to prepare a decision of the 2018 Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee (Committee) with respect to the Application by Stephen Turner for Compliance Audit (Application) of Barry Phillips (Respondent) that outlines the reasons for the Committee's decision to reject the Application and not to order a compliance audit in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* as the Committee determined that they do not have jurisdiction to deal with the Application given that the Respondent did not register as a third party advertiser during the 2018 Municipal Election;

it being noted that the Committee received verbal presentations from Stephen Turner and the Respondent, with respect to this matter. CARRIED

At 12:38 PM A. Wright enters the meeting.

IN CLOSED SESSION

SCRIMGEOUR AND ROSS

That the 2018 Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee (Committee) rise and go In Closed Session, for the purpose of deliberating with respect to the Application by Bill Armstrong for Compliance Audit of Shawn Lewis. CARRIED.

The Committee rises and goes In Closed Session at 12:39 PM

The Committee, In Closed Session, rises at 1:08 PM and reconvenes at 1:10 PM.

3.1 Application by Bill Armstrong for Compliance Audit of Shawn Lewis

SCRIMGEOUR AND ROSS

That the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to prepare a decision of the 2018 Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee (Committee) with respect to the Application by Bill Armstrong for Compliance Audit (Application) of Shawn Lewis (Candidate) that outlines the reasons for the Committee's decision to reject the Application and not to order a compliance audit in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* as there was insufficient credible information provided to support an audit and therefore there are no reasonable grounds that the Candidate has contravened a provision of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* relating to election campaign finances and an audit would not be in the public interest;

it being noted that the Committee received verbal presentations from Bill Armstrong and Shawn Lewis and the attached written submissions from Bill Armstrong and Shawn Lewis with respect to this matter. CARRIED

4. DEFERRED MATTER/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

5. ADJOURNMENT

SCRIMGEOUR AND ROSS

That the meeting of the 2018 Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee BE ADJOURNED. CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:12 PM.

Andrew Wright, Chair

Dan Ross, Member and Acting Chair (Item 3.4)

Christene Scrimgeour, Member

Catharine Saunders, Secretary