

for the Town of Orangeville

CHARLES A. HARNICK

Integrity Commissioner Town of Orangeville Email: integrity@adr.ca

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Sent via Email:

Raylene Martell **Town Clerk** rmartell@orangeville.ca

Dear Ms. Martell:

Re: File No.: IC-35282-1124: Town of Orangeville Integrity Commissioner Annual Report – Operating Period August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024

Thank you for the opportunity to act as the Integrity Commissioner for the Town of Orangeville (the "Town") over the past year. In accordance with the terms of the Agreement between the Town and ADR Chambers pursuant to section 223.6(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, we are providing our annual report for the operating period covering August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024.

As you know, the Integrity Commissioner's role is to help Members of Council ("Members") ensure that they are performing their functions in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct (the "Code") and the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50 (the "MCIA"). The Integrity Commissioner is available to educate and provide advice to Members on matters governing their ethical behaviour and compliance with the Town's Code and the MCIA.

The Integrity Commissioner 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 of Council. Additionally, the Integrity Commissioner investigates complaints received from electors of the Town or persons demonstrably acting in the public interest that allege that a Council Member has contravened the provisions of the MCIA.

Complaints

During this operating period, the Integrity Commissioner received two Code of Conduct complaints. One complaint resulted in a finding of no breach of the Code and thus, the complaint was dismissed. After review, the other complaint was determined to be outside of the scope of the ICs authority and it was dismissed without investigation.

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. Similarly, the advice given to Members by the Integrity Commissioner is always provided in writing, and in accordance with the provisions of the Town'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.

Billings

In accordance with our contract with the Town, the billings for the operating period, commencing August 1, 2023 and ending July 31, 2024, totaled \$10,463.80.

Yours very truly,

Charles A. Harnick

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