

#### INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER

## ANNUAL REPORT

#### 2021-2021

# **This Report**

This annual report has been created to provide a brief overview of work carried out by the IC for the period of March 1, 2020, to December 31, 2021.

#### Commissioner's Role

The Integrity Commissioner (IC) is a statutory officer whose powers are set out in Section 223.3 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001.

#### Integrity Commissioner

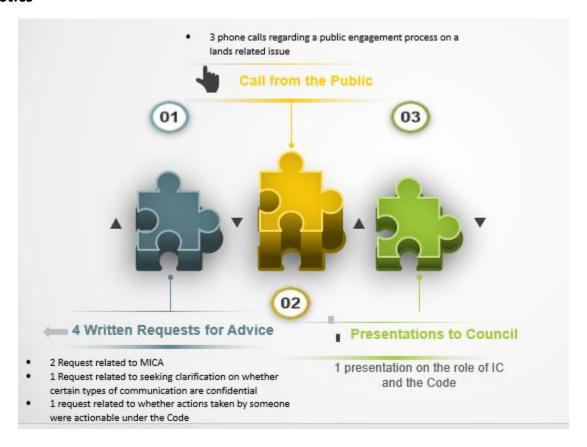
223.3(1) Without limiting sections 9, 10 and 11, those sections authorize the municipality to appoint an Integrity Commissioner who reports to council and who is responsible for performing in an independent manner the functions assigned by the municipality with respect to,

- (a) the application of the code of conduct for members of council and the code of conduct for members of local boards or of either of them;
- (b) the application of any procedures, rules and policies of the municipality and local boards governing the ethical behaviour of members of council and of local boards or of either of them; or
- (C) both of clauses (a) and (b).
- As IC, I report directly to Council on matters related to the Code of Conduct and the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act (MICA);
- I have the power to undertake investigations into complaints alleging contraventions of the applicable code of conduct as well as the MICA; and
- My reports are public, and I am permitted to disclose necessary information related to the findings while maintaining confidentiality. I can make recommendations to Council, but only Council can sanction one of its Members.

The Integrity Commissioner performs the following duties:

Responding to questions	Responding to	Giving	Providing training	Conducting impartial
from the public about the	questions from	recommendations	for Council, Local	inquiries in response
Code of Conduct &	Council about their	or advice to Council	Boards and public	to allegations that a
Municipal Conflict of	obligations under	on policy related to	on Code & MCIA	member has not
Interest Act (MCIA)	the Code & MCIA	ethical behaviour of	governing ethical	followed the Code or
		members	behaviour	MICA.

### **Statistics**



## **Other Considerations**

- > IC inquiries are costly, and many municipalities have not budgeted for these costs.
- Assessing a complaint (especially a complaint of conflict of interest) is circumstance specific and I cannot provide an immediate response over the phone.
- > All requests for advice should be in writing.