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July 12, 2024

Sent by e-mail to:

Nicole Rubli
Director of Legislative Services/ Clerk
30 Lewis Street
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Re: File No.: IC-30898-0424: Town of Wasaga Beach - Integrity Commissioner
Annual Report for the operating period of February 10, 2023 to February 9, 2024

Dear Ms. Rubli:

Our firm has operated as the Integrity Commissioner for the Town of Wasaga Beach since February 10, 2023. In accordance with the terms of our agreement with the Town, and pursuant to section 223.6(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, we are providing our annual report for the operating period of February 10, 2023 to February 9, 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's Code of Conduct (the "Code") and the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* (the "MCIA"). Upon request, I am available to educate and provide advice to Members on matters governing their ethical behaviour and compliance with those requirements. My office and I are also responsible for assessing and investigating complaints received respecting alleged breaches of the Code or the MCIA.

Code/MCIA Complaints

During this operating period, I received five Code of Conduct complaints. One complaint was received incomplete, and that file was subsequently closed upon receiving no further contribution from the complainant. One complaint was found not to warrant an investigation, and was dismissed accordingly. Investigations were conducted into three complaints; in each case, the Members were found not to have breached the Code of Conduct.

Code Review

Early in my term, I completed a Code review of the Town's Code of Conduct, which was completed in March 2023.

Educational Information and Training Sessions

On April 13, 2023, I presented an education session to Town Council about the Code of Conduct and the role of the Integrity Commissioner. I also received and responded to two requests for educational information from the municipality during this operating period.

Billing

In accordance with our agreement with the Town, the billing for the February 10, 2023 to February 9, 2024 operating period totaled \$19,328.65.

Final Comments

Our staff and I look forward to continuing to assist the Town and its Members address issues that may arise connected to the Code and MCIA in the coming year.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'BD', followed by a long, sweeping horizontal stroke.

Ben Drory,
Office of the Integrity Commissioner, Town of Wasaga Beach