

Office of the Integrity Commissioner's Annual Report July 2024– July 2025

Commissioner's Remarks

This report covers the period from July 2024 to July 2025.

Subsection 223.6(1) of the *Municipal Act* states that if the Integrity Commissioner provides a periodic report to the municipality on his or her activities, the Commissioner may summarize advice he or she has given but shall not disclose confidential information that could identify a person concerned.

During the period covered by this Annual Report, I have received no formal complaints. In addition, I received 1 informal complaint relating to a planning issue that I determined was not within my authority as Integrity Commissioner under the *Municipal Act*. I set out below, the reporting of activities of the Office of the Integrity Commissioner in fulfilment of my statutory role.

Bill 9, *Municipal Accountability Act, 2025*

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Rob Flack introduced Bill 9 – *Municipal Accountability Act, 2025* on May 1, 2025. The legislation proposed:

- a standardized municipal code of conduct for members of all municipal councils
- a new framework for municipal Integrity Commissioners
- a mechanism for removing and disqualifying members of municipal councils who commit serious violations to the code of conduct.

If approved, the proposed legislation will establish a standard code of conduct for all municipalities.

The proposed legislation establishes a mechanism for removing and disqualifying members of municipal councils who commit serious violations to the code of conduct. Upon completion of an investigation in response to a complaint against a member of a municipal council, the Commissioner will be empowered to make a recommendation to the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario to vacate the seat of the member of a municipal council, if certain criteria are met.

The proposed amendments to the *Municipal Act, 2001* would come into force on a day to be named by order of the provincial cabinet (Lieutenant Governor in Council).

Statement of Expenditures

\$5,650.00 – Integrity Commissioner Services (including remuneration for advice to Members of Council and Council, Investigation of Code Complaints and Professional Fees, Delivery of Council Education Session, office administration).

Code of Conduct General Inquiries:

	From Members of Council	From the Public	From staff	Total Inquiries
2024-25	0	2	0	2

Code of Conduct Complaints

	July 2024 -July 2025
Formal complaints	0
Informal complaints - Disposition	1 Dismissed – no jurisdiction
Total Code of Conduct Complaints	1

Closing Remarks

2026 is a Municipal Election year. I encourage Members of Council to seek advice from this Office with respect to navigating their roles as sitting Members and their election related activities.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Township Clerk, Mr. Craig Jeffrey, for the assistance of his Office in providing me with the relevant Township policies in the fulfilling the mandate of my Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Craig
Integrity Commissioner

October 10, 2025