

**Subject: 2022 Mid-Year Report of the Integrity Commissioner**

**File Number: ACS2022-OCC-GEN-0019**

**Report to Council 25 May 2022**

**Submitted on May 19, 2022 by Karen Shepherd, Integrity Commissioner**

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**Ward: Citywide**

**Objet : Rapport semestriel de la Commissaire à l'intégrité de 2022**

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**Rapport au Conseil le 25 mai 2022**

**Soumis le 19 mai 2022 par Karen Shepherd, Commissaire à l'intégrité**

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**Quartier : À l'échelle de la ville**

## **REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receive the attached report for information.**

## **RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT**

**Que le Conseil prenne connaissance du rapport ci-joint.**

## **BACKGROUND**

On July 11, 2012, City Council approved the establishment of the Integrity Commissioner position. The City of Ottawa Integrity Commissioner was responsible for developing the Code of Conduct for Members of Council and is now responsible for the oversight of three codes of conduct, and related policies, and the application of the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*. The Integrity Commissioner also performs the roles of Lobbyist Registrar including oversight and enforcement of the *Lobbyist Registry By-law*

and the Lobbyist Code of Conduct as well as investigating concerns related to open meetings as the Meetings Investigator.

The City of Ottawa's first Integrity Commissioner, Mr. Robert Marleau, was appointed by the City on August 29, 2012. Mr. Marleau's appointment ended on August 31, 2021.

Ms. Karen Shepherd's term as Integrity Commissioner began on September 1, 2021. The initial term of Ms. Shepherd's appointment is one year with an optional renewal for a five-year term. The recruitment and appointment process was conducted further to Council direction and in accordance with the City Council-approved [Statutory Officer Recruitment, Appointment and Contract Administration Policy and Procedures](#).

Section 6 of the [Complaint Protocol](#) (Appendix "A" to the Code of Conduct for Members of Council) provides that the Integrity Commissioner shall report to Council semi-annually during the first year, and annually thereafter.

The Integrity Commissioner is responsible for providing City Council with a report on the various aspects of her role as Integrity Commissioner, Lobbyist Registrar and Meetings Investigator including a summary of complaints, investigations and advice provided and to make recommendations for changes to the approved policies and processes.

## **DISCUSSION**

In accordance with her mandate and reporting requirement, the Integrity Commissioner has prepared a mid-year report for the period of October 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal impediments to receiving the attached report for information.

## **COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)**

This is a city-wide report.

## **CONSULTATION**

As this is considered an internal administrative matter, no public consultation was undertaken.

## **ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS**

There are no accessibility impacts associated with this report.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no risk management implications associated with this report.

## **RURAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no rural implications associated with this report.

## **TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

This report has no direct impacts on the City's strategic priorities or directions identified for the current Term of Council.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Document 1 – Integrity Commissioner – 2022 Mid-year Report

## **DISPOSITION**

The Integrity Commissioner and the Office of the City Clerk will undertake the implementation of any decisions made by Council as a result of this report.