

Subject: 2023 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner

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Report to Council 6 December 2023

Submitted on December 1, 2023 by Karen E. Shepherd, Integrity Commissioner

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Ward: Citywide

Objet : Rapport annuel de la commissaire à l'intégrité de 2023

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Quartier : À l'échelle de la ville

REPORT RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Council receive the attached report for information.

RECOMMANDATION(S) 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 Integrity Commissioner, Ms. Karen E. Shepherd, was appointed by the City on September 1, 2021.

As part of her mandate, the Integrity Commissioner is responsible for providing City Council with an annual 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, the Integrity Commissioner has prepared an annual report for the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

This is the 11th annual report of the Integrity Commissioner to City Council since the position was established on July 11, 2012.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As this is a report from a statutory officer reporting directly to Council, this section is not applicable.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

As this is a report from a statutory officer reporting directly to Council, this section is not applicable.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

This is a city-wide report.

CONSULTATION

As this is a report from a statutory officer reporting directly to Council, this section is not applicable.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1 – Integrity Commissioner – 2023 Annual 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.