

Integrity Commissioner Office for the City of Markham

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Sent via Email:

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Re: File No.: IC-35391-0125: City of Markham - Integrity Commissioner Annual Report-Operating Period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Dear Ms. Kitteringham:

Thank you for the opportunity to act as the Integrity Commissioner for the City of Markham (the "City") over the past year. In accordance with the terms of the agreement with the City, and pursuant to section 223.6(1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, we are providing our annual report for the operating period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 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 City Council's Code of Conduct (the "Code") and the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* ("MCIA"). The Integrity Commissioner is available to educate and provide advice to Members on matters governing their ethical behaviour and compliance with the Code and the MCIA.

The Integrity Commissioner is also responsible for receiving, assessing, and investigating appropriate complaints respecting alleged breaches of the Code or the MCIA.

Requests for Advice

During this operating period, the Integrity Commissioner received and responded to five

requests for advice.

Code of Conduct/MCIA Complaints

During this operating period, the Integrity Commissioner received three Code of Conduct

complaints. Two of these complaints resulted in a finding of no breach of the Code and thus, the

complaints were dismissed. One complaint was withdrawn prior to a full investigation. One

MCIA complaint was received and the Integrity Commissioner found that there were insufficient

grounds for an investigation and the complaint was dismissed.

Billings

In accordance with our agreement with the City, the billings for the operating period,

commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, totaled \$32,403.84.

Final Comments

We look forward to assisting the City and its Members in contending with the issues that may

arise in connection with the administration of its Code in the coming year.

Yours very truly,

Charles A. Harnick

Office of the Integrity Commissioner for the City of Markham