



Town of Arnprior Staff Report

Subject: Complaint under Code of Conduct

Report Number: 21-03-22-01

Report Author and Position Title: Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk

Department: Client Services

Meeting Date: March 22, 2021

Recommendations:

That Council receive the “Complaint under Code of Conduct” dated March 8, 2021, submitted by Mr. W. Hunter, Integrity Commissioner attached as Appendix A to Report Number 21-02-08-01 and consider the recommendations contained within Appendix A.

Background:

Municipalities are required to appoint an integrity commissioner who reports to council and is responsible for performing in an independent manner the functions assigned by the municipality with respect to the application of the code of conduct and of any procedures, rules and policies of the municipality governing the ethical behaviour of members of council and local boards. Mr. William Hunter was first appointed in 2013 as the Town’s Integrity Commissioner and continues in that role today.

Discussion:

The Integrity Commissioner is an independent and impartial position that reports directly to municipal council and whose powers and duties are set out in the *Municipal Act, 2001*. Section 223.4 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that an Integrity Commissioner may conduct an inquiry into allegations about whether a member of council or local board has contravened the Code of Conduct. Following an investigation, council may act upon the Integrity Commissioner’s findings including imposing reprimands and suspending members.

Attached, as Appendix A to this report is a report from Mr. W. Hunter, Integrity Commissioner, regarding complaints respecting Mayor Stack. Mr. Hunter will be in attendance at the March 22, 2021 Meeting to answer any questions of Council.

Options:

N/A

Policy Considerations:

N/A

Financial Considerations:

N/A

Meeting Dates:

N/A

Consultation:

N/A

Documents:

Appendix A – Integrity Commissioner Report

Signatures

Reviewed by Department Head:

Reviewed by General Manager, Client Services/Treasurer: Jennifer Morawiec

CAO Concurrence: Robin Paquette

Workflow Certified by Town Clerk: Maureen Spratt