



DATE: December 8, 2021  
TO: Mayor and Council  
FROM: Municipal Clerk  
SUBJECT: Council direction Re: Invoices submission for Legal / Service from Integrity Commissioner

### **Issue**

Council direction is required to process the payment for invoices submitted by the Integrity Commissioner

### **Facts**

- The functions of an Integrity Commissioner (IC) are not limited to investigation of complaints but includes providing advice to members of Council relating to the Conflict of Interest Act and providing an education function so that proactive measures are taken to avoid issues and hopefully limit actual complaints
- The IC reports directly to Council in accordance with the Municipal Act
- Integrity Commissioner services is funded by the 2021 Operating Budget
- An amount of \$5000.00 was allotted for IC Services in 2021
- Per the provision of the Municipal Act section 223.3 (6) A municipality shall indemnify and save harmless the Commissioner or any person acting under the instructions of that officer for costs reasonably incurred by either of them in connection with the defence of a proceeding if the proceeding relates to an act done in good faith in the performance or intended performance of a duty or authority under this Part or a by-law passed under it or an alleged neglect or default in the performance in good faith of the duty or authority.
- As a result of budget deficiencies, staff will require the direction of Council for the approval to process the invoices submitted (as attached ) by the Integrity Commissioner

### **Analysis**

- The current budget for 2021 may only provide funds relating to advice and education from the IC however does not take in consideration the cost of an investigation
- It is difficult to estimate future services provided by the Integrity Commissioner Services particularly relating to investigation, that said staff will provide recommendations during budget deliberations for budget requirements / suggestions

## **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council approves the payment of Invoices from the Integrity Commissioner number FF026 and FF027 for services in the amount of \$36,250.50  
AND THAT Council further approves any outstanding remaining expenses and fees for the remainder of the year 2021 submitted by the Integrity Commissioner