



Town of Fort Frances Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

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Name: Douglas W. Judson

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Agenda Item/Topic: Integrity Commissioner Report re: Mayor Caul

Reason for Declaration: I am declaring a conflict on this item because I am presently engaged in adversarial litigation with the member of council who is the subject of the Integrity Commissioner's report. It is a basic principle of law that a person who presents a reasonable apprehension of bias cannot be a judge in the hearing or case of a person they are adverse in interest to. I am making this recusal because it is required, not because it was requested. To participate in this item would be a breach of basic norms of the rules of natural justice and would expose the municipality to judicial review. In making this declaration, I note for the public record that the Mayor did not comply with this requirement during the October 25, 2021 appearance of the Integrity Commissioner in respect of a complaint about me. I do not agree with the legal advice she claimed to rely on for that determination.