

Staff Report



To	City Council
Service Area	Corporate Services
Date	Tuesday, February 28, 2023
Subject	2022 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner

Recommendation

1. That the 2022 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner, dated February 28, 2023, be received.
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Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

To present to City Council the 2022 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner.

Key Findings

As an independent and statutory officer reporting directly to City Council, the Integrity Commissioner reports annually on activities undertaken in the previous year. The Integrity Commissioner's 2022 annual report is included as Attachment-1.

Strategic Plan Alignment

The work of the Integrity Commissioner supports the Strategic Plan value of integrity, acting honestly and ethically.

Financial Implications

In 2022, \$30,997.50 was spent on services rendered by the Integrity Commissioner.

Report

City Council appointed Aird & Berlis LLP as the City of Guelph Integrity Commissioner on December 14, 2020. As the City's Integrity Commissioner, Aird & Berlis LLP submits annual reports to City Council that outline the activities they undertook in the previous calendar year. The 2022 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner is included as Attachment-1.

Financial Implications

The Integrity Commissioner invoices the City of Guelph based on time spent responding to inquiries from members of City Council, local boards and advisory committees, as well as Code of Conduct complaints filed by individuals.

In December 2021, an Ontario Divisional Court Ruling expanded the jurisdiction of the Integrity Commissioner to include most of the City's advisory committees. This

change was outlined in the [2021 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner](#). As a result, costs associated with the Integrity Commissioner's work are expected to increase in the years ahead. In 2021, the services of the Integrity Commissioner cost \$18,902.08. In 2022, costs rose to \$30,997.50.

Additional funding to cover the increasing costs associated with the Integrity Commissioner will be considered as part of the 2024-2027 multi-year budget.

Consultations

The 2022 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner has been shared with all members of advisory committees and local boards that fall under the Integrity Commissioner's jurisdiction.

Attachments

Attachment-1 2022 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner.

Departmental Approval

N/A

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