

# **Committee of the Whole Report**

DATE: Tuesday, June 05, 2018

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# TITLE: OFFICE OF THE INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER ANNUAL REPORT AND LOBBYIST REGISTRAR UPDATE

#### FROM:

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#### **ACTION:** FOR INFORMATION

#### <u>Purpose</u>

Under Part B of the Complaint Protocol for the Council Code of Conduct, the Integrity Commissioner shall submit periodic reports to Council setting out the activities of the Office, all complaints received and on their disposition.

In addition, the Mandatory Lobbyist Registry came into force on January 1, 2018 and it is of utility to provide a six-month activity update to Council, insofar as the Lobbyist Registrar has encountered some significant issues for which Council should be made aware.

#### **Report Highlights**

- The Integrity Commissioner and Lobbyist Registrar is a statutory office with direct reporting to Council.
- The activities of the Office of the Integrity Commissioner and Lobbyist Registrar applies the Code of Conduct standards to the actions and behavior of Members of Council and monitors the communications of lobbyists with public office holders.
- The Council Code of Conduct and the Mandatory Lobbyist Registry provide the basis for good governance with the municipal government of the City of Vaughan. The clear and consistent application of the rules and the reporting by the Integrity Commissioner and Lobbyist Registrar provide the public with a snapshot of the compliance by Members of Council with adherence to the ethical rules during their term of office.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That this report be received for information.

## **Previous Reports/Authority**

Integrity Commissioner's Office Annual Report 2015.

## Analysis and Options

N/A

## **Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact to the report.

## **Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations**

There are no Regional implications to the recommendation contained in this report.

#### **Conclusion**

The communication to this report will fulfill the duty of the Integrity Commissioner to provide periodic reports to Vaughan City Council on the activities of this Office.

**For more information,** please contact: Cathy Passafiume, Intake and Office Assistant, Office of the Integrity Commissioner and Lobbyist Registrar.

# **Attachment**

1. Members of Council will receive copies of a written communication to this report which will be available for the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 5, 2018. In addition, this report will be placed on the public agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for June 5, 2018, and this staff report along with a communication detailing the activities of this Office will be posted on the City of Vaughan website.

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