



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the General Committee

From: John Kennedy, City Clerk

Meeting Date: January 12, 2026

Report: Integrity Commissioner Report 2025-03-CC, Report LSCLK26-005

Subject

A report to provide Council and the public with the Report on Complaint, received from Guy Giorno, Integrity Commissioner for the City of Peterborough.

Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSCLK26-005, dated January 12, 2026, of the City Clerk, on behalf of the Integrity Commissioner, as follows:

That the Report 2025-03-CC, of the Peterborough Integrity Commissioner, dated December 22, 2025, be received for information.

Executive Summary

- The Integrity Commissioner received a complaint associated with Council's Code of Conduct By-law 19-028, regarding ten complaints received April 7 - June 20, 2025.

Background

Section 223.3(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001 authorizes a municipality to appoint an Integrity Commissioner who reports to Council and who is responsible for performing in an independent manner the functions assigned by the municipality which include the application the Code of Conduct for members of Council.

At its meeting of January 28, 2019, Council approved a Code of Conduct in the form of By-law 19-028 and two Integrity Commissioner positions. John Ewart was approved as the Integrity Commissioner assigned to the advice-giving and educational functions outlined in clauses 223.3(1) 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Municipal Act 2001. Guy Giorno was appointed as the Integrity Commissioner assigned to the investigative, reporting and, as applicable, inquiry functions outlined in clauses 223.3(1) 1, 2 and 3 of the Municipal Act 2001.

Section 31 of the Code of Conduct indicates, “A person who believes that a Member has contravened any provision of this Code of Conduct may give to the Integrity Commissioner the person’s complaint which must be in writing and must set out the particulars of the alleged contravention”. Integrity Commissioner Giorno received ten complaints involving the Code of Conduct as per the Report attached as Appendix A to Report LSCLK26-005.

Municipal Act, 2001 section 223.6(3) entitled Publication of the Reports directs that, “The municipality and each local board shall ensure that reports received from the Commissioner by the municipality or by the board, as the case may be, are made available to the public”. The Report regarding complaint 2025-03-CC from Integrity Commissioner Giorno, is attached as Appendix A to this report, and outlines the nature of the complaint and the findings of the investigation.

Strategic Plan

Strategic Pillar: Governance & Fiscal Sustainability

Strategic Priority: Pursue service excellence in governance to support long-term fiscal sustainability of the city while respecting the impact of decisions on taxpayers.

The Code of Conduct provides a standard of conduct and governance framework for members of Council.

Engagement and Consultation

As part of the Integrity Commissioner’s duties during an investigation, relevant parties are consulted.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budget or financial implications as a result of the adoption of this recommendation.

Attachments

Appendix A: Report: 2025-03-CC

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