

for Township of Strong

MICHAEL L. MAYNARD Integrity Commissioner Township of Strong integrity@adr.ca

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Sent via Email:

Ms. Caitlin Haggart **Clerk Administrator** Township of Strong clerk@strongtownship.com

Dear Ms. Haggart:

Re: IC-35460-0325 Township of Strong Integrity Commissioner Annual Report for the operating period of December 19, 2023 to December 18, 2024

Thank you for the opportunity to act as the Integrity Commissioner for the Township of Strong (the "Township") over the past year. In accordance with the terms of the Agreement between the Township and ADR Chambers, and pursuant to section 223.6(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, we are providing our annual report for the operating period of December 19, 2023 to December 18, 2024.

As you know, the Integrity Commissioner's role is to help Members of Council ("Members") ensure that they are performing their functions in accordance with the Township's Council Code of Conduct (the "Code") and the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act (the "MCIA"). The Integrity Commissioner is available to educate and provide advice to Members on matters governing their ethical behaviour and compliance with the Township's Code and the MCIA.

The Integrity Commissioner is also responsible for receiving, assessing, and investigating appropriate complaints respecting alleged breaches of the Code or the MCIA.

Requests for Advice

During this operating period, the Integrity Commissioner received no requests for advice.

Code of Conduct Complaints

Two formal complaints were received and processed during this operating period. The first complaint was dismissed because there were insufficient grounds to believe there was a breach of the Code of Conduct. The second complaint was also dismissed because it was not properly filed in accordance with the MCIA and there were insufficient grounds to believe the Act was breached. The billings for both of these investigations will be noted in the next annual report.

<u>Billings</u>

In accordance with our contract with the Township, the billings for the operating period, commencing December 19, 2023 to December 18, 2024, totaled \$339.00.

Final Comments

We look forward to assisting the Township and its Members in contending with the issues that may arise in connection with the administration of its Code in the coming year.

Yours very truly,

Michael L. Maynard Office of the Integrity Commissioner for the Township of Strong