



**CORPORATE REPORT**  
The Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach  
Meeting Date: 8/22/2024

**DATE:** 8/11/2024

**SUBJECT:** 2023-2024 ADR Chambers Inc. Annual Integrity Commissioner Report

**CONTACT:** Nicole Rubli, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

**REPORT NUMBER:** 2024/08/22-23

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** the report titled: 2023-2024 ADR Chambers Inc. Annual Integrity Commissioner Report to the Council meeting of August 22, 2024, be received for information.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

- The Integrity Commissioner's 2023-2024 Annual Report has been received in accordance with the Town's Agreement with ADR Chambers and section 223.6(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- The report outlines services provided to the Town during the period of February 10, 2023 to February 9, 2024.
- The Annual Report forms an Appendix to this report and will be made available on the Town's website.

**BACKGROUND:**

Section 223.3 of the Municipal Act, requires all municipalities in Ontario to appoint an Integrity Commissioner (IC) to perform the following functions:

1. The application of the code of conduct for members of council and the code of conduct for members of local boards.
2. The application of any procedures, rules and policies of the municipality and local boards governing the ethical behaviour of members of council and of local boards.
3. The application of sections 5, 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 of the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* to members of council and of local boards.
4. Requests from members of council and of local boards for advice respecting their obligations under the code of conduct applicable to the member.
5. Requests from members of council and of local boards for advice

respecting their obligations under a procedure, rule or policy of the municipality or of the local board, as the case may be, governing the ethical behaviour of members.

6. Requests from members of council and of local boards for advice respecting their obligations under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.
7. The provision of educational information to members of council, members of local boards, the municipality and the public about the municipality's codes of conduct for members of council and members of local boards and about the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

Accordingly, the Town entered into a four-year agreement with ADR Chambers to provide Integrity Commissioner Services, with Ben Drory appointed as Integrity Commissioner. Mr. Drory has provided the Town with the 2023-2024 Annual report for the operating period of February 10, 2023 to February 9, 2024. The Annual report is attached as Appendix A.

## **DISCUSSION:**

During the reporting period, Integrity Commissioner Drory has provided the following services:

- Code of Conduct review - Comments received from the IC will form part of future proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct for Council consideration.
- Educational Information – IC Drory provided a Council orientation session on the Code of Conduct and role of the Integrity Commissioner.
- Review of five Code of Conduct Complaints - Of these complaints, one complaint was deemed incomplete; one did not warrant an investigation and three resulted in an investigation. All three investigations found that Members were found not to have breached the Code of Conduct.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:**

### Financial Implications:

During the reporting period, the Town has spent \$19,328.65 on ADR Chambers Integrity Commissioner services. Approximately, \$10,833.88 of the cost was related to complaints and investigations, all in which members were found to not have breached the Code of Conduct or no investigation was required. The remaining cost of \$8,494.77 was for a review of the Code of Conduct, Council orientation training and inquiries. Cost for Integrity Commissioner Services is included in the approved operating budget.

## **CONCLUSION:**

This report is for information purposes only. The 2023-2024 Annual Integrity Commissioner Report will be made available on the Town's website.

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**Appendices:**

Appendix A: Wasaga Beach Annual Report 2023-2024