



**Integrity Commissioner's Preliminary Information Report
Regarding Request for Inquiry**

To Mayor and Council – The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

Date of Report: Monday March 3, 2025

Request for Inquiry Received: Tuesday February 18, 2025

Request for Inquiry No. 2025-1

Allegation: Violation of Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

Allegation Filed Under: By-Law 3175-19 being a By-Law to adopt Municipality of Wawa Policy No. HR-018: Integrity Commissioner Protocol- Schedule "B" Integrity Commissioner Application for Inquiry – Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, dated the 19th day of February 2019.

Date Request for Inquiry Received:

Tuesday February 18, 2025, at 2:36 pm by email.

Requester: Member of the Public

Request for Investigation Details and Process:

A member of the public alleged a Councillor violated the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act given she believed the Councillor had an indirect pecuniary interest given remarks made at a Council meeting regarding the Municipal Marina.

The Integrity Commissioner reviewed the By-law 3175-19 being a By-Law to adopt Municipality of Wawa Policy No. HR-018: Integrity Commissioner Protocol- Schedule "B" Integrity Commissioner Application for Inquiry – Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, dated the 19th day of February 2019 and By-Law No. 3593-23 being a By-Law to adopt Municipality of Wawa Policy No. HR-Code of Conduct for Council and Board/Committee Appointees, dated the 18th day of April 2023. This most recent By-Law contains an updated Procedure for Making a Complaint. Including a Formal Complaint, and it is noted that:

Section 7. "Upon receipt of a complaint or request for inquiry and proof of payment, the Integrity Commissioner shall first determine if it is within his/her jurisdiction and whether

there is a procedure under other legislation or Municipal policy to deal with the complaint. If it is determined that other procedures apply, the Integrity Commissioner shall refer the complainant to the appropriate person or agency to follow that process.

This would include such matters as:

- a. The complaint provisions under the Ontario Human Rights Code.
- b. A complaint of alleged criminal activity.
- c. Procedures under the Municipal Act, the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act or the Municipal Elections Act.
- d. The complaint provisions of the Workplace Violence and Harassment Prevention Policy, as stated in that policy.

Where it has been determined that a complaint should be dealt with under one of the above processes, it will no longer be considered or dealt with by the Integrity Commissioner.

Conclusions:

The Integrity Commissioner concludes this Request for Inquiry was filed under By-Law 3175-19 dated the 19th day of February 2019, and this By-Law has been superseded by a more current By-law, By-Law No. 3593-23, dated the 18th day of April 2023.

Findings:

The Integrity Commissioner finds this Request for Inquiry should be dealt with under one of the above processes noted in section 7. By-Law No. 3593-23, dated the 18th day of April 2023, and as such, this Request for Inquiry will no longer be considered or dealt with by the Integrity Commissioner.

Regards,



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Integrity Commissioner
The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa