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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Dear Minister Clark,

RE: Integrity Commission Matters

Since the Province required all municipalities to have Integrity Commissioners ("ICs"), we have noted that although this is a quasi-judicial role, few if any decisions by Integrity Commissioners refer to British Common Law precedents, or any precedents for that matter.

In addition, there seems to be quite a difference of opinion on matters between Integrity Commissioners. As an example, our IC takes the position that in all cases the Complainant should never be named in a report, even when they are another member of Council, while at the County level, our County IC, states that she would almost always name the complainant in these circumstances, unless it was a personal matter. Her test would be whether it was a matter of public interest.

As a result of this confusion on behalf of the Town of The Blue Mountains, please note the following resolution passed by Council on September 30, 2019:

> Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Peter Bordignon
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> WHEREAS the system of justice in Ontario is based on the British system of Common Law which bases decisions on legal precedents;
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> AND WHEREAS the decisions of Integrity Commissioners in settled cases could provide guidance to all involved in Municipal Government in Ontario as well as to the people they serve;
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> BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Code of Conduct Sub-Committee recommends that the Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains requests that the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing create a searchable database of all matters placed before all Integrity Commissioners within the province and the resolution of such matters;
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> AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario via the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Carried.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Yours Truly,

Alar Soever

Mayor Alar Soever
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