

# **Integrity Commissioner Annual Report 2012-2013**

## **A. Commissioner's Remarks**

This is the Annual Report submitted to Parry Sound Town Council for the period covering November 2012 to December 2013.

The Code of Conduct (the "Code") applies to the Mayor and all Members of Council and has been given broad interpretation in accordance with applicable legislation and the intent of Council.

There were no formal complaints filed with my Office in the period subject of this Report. In the 2011-2012 Annual Report, I had recommended that the appropriate Town staff work with my office to develop guidelines to supplement and assist in the clarification of Section B Standards of Conduct and Section D Interpersonal Behaviour of Members of Council. While the policy recommendations were unanimously adopted by Town Council, there has been no follow up work on policy development.

In addition, there were instances where matters did not fall squarely within the investigative jurisdiction of the Integrity Commissioner under the Code, and related to matters concerning Town Board or Committee members. These matters raised questions of procedural fairness in relation to the process in place for review of the actions of Town Board and Committee members.

Under the current Code, the authority of the Integrity Commissioner does not extend to the actions of members of Boards and Committees. However, under the Code, Council is required to identify and resolve situations which might involve a potential misuse of position and authority in their considering the well-being; and interests of the municipality. This situation has highlighted a procedural gap which may be remedied either by the inclusion of actions of Board and Committee members under the Code rules, or the development of process rules and practices to facilitate transparency in decision making and procedural fairness in relation to the review of actions of a Board or Committee member.

## **B. Activities of the Office of the Integrity Commissioner: November 2012 – December 2013**

This office received 6 email inquiries, 4 telephone inquiries during the period of this report. No formal or informal complaints were received.

C. Complaints under the Code of Conduct

Office Activities	Nov 2011-Nov 2012
Formal Complaints Received:	0
Informal Complaints Received:	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Inquiries on the application of the Code</b>	
From the public:	5
From City staff:	3
From Members of Council	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Members of Council: Written opinions on the application of the Code</b>	
Formal opinions received by Members of Council:	0

D. 2013 Statement of Expenditures

November, 2012 – December, 2013	
\$267.98	

Respectfully submitted by:

*Suzanne Craig*

**Suzanne Craig  
Integrity Commissioner**