

**Annual Report  
of the  
Integrity Commissioner  
for  
The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie**

**(Covering the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023)**

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## Background

On May 1, 2018, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, appointed Antoinette Blunt, President, Ironside Consulting Services Inc. as the City's first Integrity Commissioner. The period of appointment was from May 1, 2018, until December 31, 2020. This appointment was extended by mutual agreement of the parties, on December 14, 2020, until March 31, 2023. This appointment was further extended by mutual agreement of the parties, on March 20, 2023, until July 31, 2023, and then further extended by mutual agreement until July 31, 2028.

This report represents the services provided from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

Section 223.6 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, states, that" If the Commissioner provides a periodic report to the municipality on his or her activities, the Commissioner may summarize advice he or she has given but shall not disclose confidential information that could identify a person concerned. 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 98."

## Request for Advice

A request for advice was made by a councillor, regarding the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act (MCIA), and potential conflicts of interest. Given the Integrity Commissioner is not a lawyer, the Councillor was referred to Mr. John Hart of Ritchie Ketcheson Hart & Biggart.

## Expenditures During Period and Total Since Appointment

The cost for services rendered for the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, was \$1,542.45. This included the legal services provided by Mr. Hart and the development of the 2022 Annual Report for Council.

The total cost for services rendered since date of initial appointment in 2018 is \$13,476.26.