

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

**(Covering the period from January 1, 2019 to January 31, 2020)**

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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 is from May 1, 2018 until December 31, 2020. This report represents the services provided from January 1, 2019 until January 31, 2020.

## Complaint Protocol for Code of Conduct (Council and Local Boards)

The recommended amendments to Appendix "A", the Complaint Protocol for Code of Conduct (Council and Local Boards), as reported by the Integrity Commissioner in the February 6, 2019 Annual Report, were approved by Council on February 11, 2019 (Amended by By-law 2019-39).

## Inquiry Regarding Integrity Commissioner Role

On October 9, 2019, a request for information regarding clarification of the role of the Integrity Commissioner was made by a member of the public. There was no request for an inquiry or an investigation. The information was relayed to Rachel Tyczinski, City Clerk.

## Inquiry Regarding Conflict of Interest

A letter dated December 11, 2019 was received from Mayor Provenzano, requesting an assessment as to when or if in his role as Head of Council, the Mayor would be in a conflict of interest, as that term is defined by the governing legislation (*Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. M. 50*), the city Council's Code of Conduct or any other relevant or applicable law or code, when a current or former client of the Mayor's law firm is before Council if his law firm is not retained for or involved in work related to the matter before Council. A written response dated December 30, 2019, was provided to the Mayor and copied to members of Council.

## Expenditures During Period and Total Since Appointment

The cost for services rendered for the period from January 1, 2019 until January 31, 2020 was \$1,940.78. This included the expenses related to the December 31, 2019 response to the Mayor's inquiry, development of the 2019 Annual Report for Council and the preparation and presentation to City Council on the role of the Integrity Commissioner.

The cost for services rendered for the period from May 1, 2018 until December 31, 2018 was \$1,158.25. The total cost for services rendered since date of appointment is \$3,099.03.