



Staff Report

Report To: Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer
From: **Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Municipal Clerk**
Date: July 16 2018
Report: 17-2018
Subject: Integrity Commissioner Appointment

Recommendations:

That South Huron Council receives the report from R. Msuya-Collison, Clerk re: Integrity Commissioner Appointment; and

That Council authorizes Administration to extend the agreement with Lisa Korab as Integrity Commissioner for a period of twelve (12) months to July 18, 2019.

Purpose:

To extend the current agreement with Lisa Korab as Integrity Commissioner and to allow for an Request for Proposal (RFP) process to be undertaken, it being noted that said extension will address the current requirement of the Municipal Act and changes required under Bill 68, Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017 ensuring the municipality is compliant with legislation.

Background and Analysis:

Bill 68 was introduced into the legislature on November 16, 2016 and received Royal Assent on May 30, 2017. The Act introduced a series of reforms to the Municipal Act, Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, and several other pieces of municipally-relevant legislation. These changes relate to the general themes of accountability and transparency, municipal finance, and service delivery.

The full RFP process is likely to take a minimum of six months and would leave the municipality without an Integrity Commissioner appointment during that time. On March 1, 2019 Amendments to the Municipal Act will require the appointment of an Integrity Commissioner.

Our current agreement with Lisa Korab, South Huron's current Integrity Commissioner terminates on July 18, 2018. I have spoken to Lisa Korab about a short-term agreement to allow administration time to undertake the RFP process as well as bridge current Council through the election period. Further, we had discussions regarding the Integrity Commissioner changes and appointment requirements.

Lisa Korab is willing to accept a one year extension of the current two year appointment for the Integrity Commissioner appointment. This extension stands as a temporary measure that allows a full RFP process to be undertaken and will ensure we are compliant with legislative requirements until the next term of Council can make appointments. In addition, the extension allows the opportunity to explore the viability of partnering with the County and other lower-tier municipalities on a shared Integrity Commissioner.

Operational Considerations:

The terms and conditions of the extension agreement remain the same as the current agreement save and except the extension and early termination clauses.

South Huron's Strategic Plan:

Section 6.2.2 of the Municipality of South Huron 2015- 2019 Strategic Plan identifies key priorities and strategic directions. The following elements are supported by the actions outlined in this report:

- ✓ Administrative Efficiency and Fiscal Responsibility
- ✓ Increased Communications and Municipal Leadership
- ✓ Transparent, Accountable, and Collaborative Governance

Financial Impact:

Fee for Integrity Commissioner service, as per agreement.

Legal Impact:

There are no further legal implications resulting from the proposed recommendation.

Staffing Impact:

There are no staffing implications resulting from the proposed recommendation.

Policies/Legislation:

Municipal Act
South Huron Code of Conduct
By-Law 49-2016

Consultation:

Lisa Korab

Related Documents:

Schedule "A" to By-Law 49-2016

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Municipal Clerk