

The Corporation of The Municipality of South Huron

By-Law #34-2024

Being a by-law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner and Closed Meeting Investigator and to authorize the execution of the agreement

Whereas subsection 223.3 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c. 25 (the “Act”) authorizes the Municipality of South Huron to appoint an Integrity Commissioner who reports to Council and who is responsible for performing in an independent manner the functions assigned by the municipality with respect to:

- a) the application of the code of conduct for members of council and the code of conduct for members of local boards or of either of them;
- b) the application of any procedures, rules and policies of the municipality governing the ethical behavior of members of council and of local boards or of either of them; or
- c) both of clauses (a) and (b);and

Whereas sections 8, 9 and 10 of the Act authorize a municipality to pass by-laws necessary or desirable for municipal purposes, and, in particular, Part II, subsection 10(2) authorizes the municipality to pass by-laws respecting the accountability and transparency of the municipality and its operations; and

Whereas sections 23.1 and 23.2 of the Act authorize the municipality to delegate its powers and duties, including legislative and quasi-judicial powers under the Act, to an individual who is an officer, employee or agent of the municipality; and

Whereas Council desires to provide for an Integrity Commissioner to help ensure that Members of Council conform to ethical standards of behaviour in carrying out their duties and are held to account for adherence to the Code of Conduct for Members of Council, as amended, and any other applicable municipal procedures, rules or policies; and

Whereas the Municipality is authorized, pursuant to Subsection 239.2 of the Act to appoint an investigator who has the function to investigate in an independent and confidential manner, a complaint made to them by any person as to whether council has complied with the Act with respect to a closed meeting, and to report on the investigation;

Now therefore the Council of The Corporation the Municipality of South Huron enacts as follows:

1. That Aird & Berlis is hereby appointed Integrity Commissioner and Closed Meeting Investigator for the Municipality of South Huron.
2. That the term of the agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron and Aird Berlis LLP is hereby extended, to commence on June 18, 2024 for a term of three (3) years (until June 30, 2027).

3. That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Retainer Agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron and Aird & Berlis LLP for the purpose of Integrity Commissioner and Closed Meeting Investigator.
4. That this By-law may be referred to as the "Integrity Commissioner and Closed Meeting Investigator By-law".
5. That this By-Law shall come into force and take effect on June 17, 2024 and replaces By-Law #42-2021.

Read a first and second time this 17th day of June 2024.

Read a third and final time this 17th day of June 2024.

George Finch, Mayor

Alex Wolfe, Clerk