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Sent via Email:

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Dear Ms. Orton:

**Re: File No.: IC-17440-0422: Municipality of Leamington Integrity Commissioner  
Annual Report – Operating Period March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022**

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Thank you for the opportunity to act as the Integrity Commissioner (or “IC”) for the Municipality of Leamington (the “Municipality”) over the past year. In accordance with the terms of the Agreement between the Municipality and ADR Chambers pursuant to section 223.6(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, we are providing our annual report for the third operating period of the Agreement covering the period March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022.

As you know, the IC’s role is to help Members of Council (“Members”) ensure that they are performing their functions in accordance with the Municipality’s Code of Conduct (“the Code”), and the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, 1990* (“MCIA”). The IC is available to educate and provide advice to Members on matters governing their ethical behaviour and compliance with the Code and the MCIA.

The IC is also responsible for receiving, assessing, and investigating appropriate complaints made by Council, Members, and members of the public respecting alleged breaches of the Code by Members or complaints by electors of the Municipality or persons demonstrably acting in the public interest that a Member has contravened the provisions of the MCIA.

### **Code of Conduct Complaints**

No Code of Conduct or MCIA complaints were received<sup>1</sup> during this operating period.

### **Requests for Advice**

One request for advice was received and responded to during this operating period.

The request for advice by Members must always be made in writing to the Integrity Commissioner and the advice given to Members is always provided in writing, in accordance with the provisions of the City's Code and the applicable provisions of the MCIA.

Advice from the Integrity Commissioner should not be considered to constitute legal advice, and Members are always encouraged to seek the advice of their personal solicitor should they believe legal advice is necessary.

### **Education Session**

During this operating period, I reviewed and made suggested revisions to the Municipality's Code. I attended a Special Council Meeting on March 15, 2021 for the purpose of presenting the new Code to Council pursuant to Council's request and providing educational information about the Code. A Power Point presentation was prepared and presented to Council. After the presentation, I took questions from Members of Council.

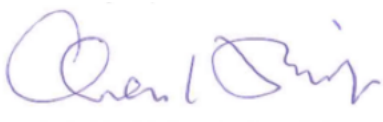
### **Billing**

A summary of billing for the year is included in this report as Appendix 1.

### **Final Comments**

I look forward to assisting the Municipality and its Members of Council in contending with the issues that may arise in connection with the administration of its Code in the coming year.

Yours very truly,



Charles A. Harnick  
Integrity Commissioner for the Municipality of Leamington

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<sup>1</sup> Complaint IC-13494-0421 was received during this operating period but at the time of this report it is still an active investigation and will be reported in the next annual report.

**APPENDIX 1**  
**Summary of Billing**

Billing for the year to date has totaled **\$7,613.38**, as detailed below.

<b>Invoice Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>HST</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>7117</b>	04/07/2021	\$2,187.50	\$284.38	\$2,471.88
<b>7159</b>	05/06/2021	\$4,550.00	\$591.50	\$5,141.50
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$6,737.50</b>	<b>\$875.88</b>	<b>\$7,613.38</b>