

The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs

By-law Number 2023-083

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Being a By-law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner for the Township of Georgian Bluffs and repeal By-law 2019-015.

Whereas the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended (the "*Municipal Act*") provides that the powers of a municipal corporation are to be exercised by its Council through the adoption of by-laws; and

Whereas the Municipal Act authorized municipalities to establish codes of conduct for members of Council and to appoint an Integrity Commissioner who reports to Council; and

Whereas the Township of Georgian Bluffs has adopted a Code of Conduct for Council and its committees and boards; and

Whereas an Integrity commissioner is responsible for performing independently the functions assigned by the municipality; and

Whereas the *Municipal Act*, pursuant to Part V.1, Accountability and Transparency, obliges all municipalities in Ontario to appoint an Integrity Commissioner to perform the following functions:

1. The application of the code of conduct for members of council and the code of conduct for members of local boards.
2. The application of any procedures, rules and policies of the municipality and local boards governing the ethical behaviour of members of council and of local boards.
3. The application of sections 5, 5.1 and 5.2 of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act to members of council and of local boards.
4. Requests from members of council and of local boards for advice respecting their obligations under the code of conduct applicable to the member.
5. Requests from members of council and of local boards for advice respecting their obligations under a procedure, rule or policy of the municipality or of the local board, as the case may be, governing the ethical behaviour of members.
6. Requests from members of council and of local boards for advice respecting their obligations under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.
7. The provision of educational information to members of council, members of local boards, the municipality and the public about the municipality's codes of conduct for members of council and members of local boards and about the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act; and

Whereas Council deems it expedient to appoint Principles Integrity, through its principals Jeffrey A. Abrams and Janice Atwood-Petkovski, as the Township's Integrity Commissioner to perform the functions, powers and duties recited above and as may be set out in the Municipal Act from time to time.

Therefore, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs enacts the following:

1. That Principles Integrity through its principals Jeffrey A. Abrams and Janice Atwood-Petkovski is hereby appointed as the Township of Georgian Bluffs Integrity Commissioner pursuant to Part V.1, Accountability and Transparency, of the Municipal Act.
2. That upon appointment Principles Integrity will have all the functions, powers and duties of an Integrity Commissioner as set out in Part V.1, Accountability

and Transparency, of the Municipal Act, and in addition such functions, powers and duties as may be assigned by Council from time to time.

3. That the Township of Georgian Bluffs hereby indemnifies and save harmless the Integrity Commissioner or any person acting under the instructions of the Integrity Commissioner for costs reasonably incurred in connection with the defense of a proceeding if the proceeding relates to an act done in good faith in the performance or intended performance of a function, duty or authority under Part V.1 of the Municipal Act, or a by-law passed thereunder, or an alleged neglect or default in the performance in good faith of the function, duty or authority.
4. That all actions taken and required to be taken by the Mayor and Clerk on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs to complete this matter including the execution of the Agreement and any other associated documentation are hereby authorized, confirmed and ratified.

That this by-law shall come into force and effect upon being passed by Council.

Read a first and second time this 13th day of December 2023.

Read a third time and finally passed this 13th day of December 2023.

Mayor – Sue Carleton

Acting Clerk – Carly Craig

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Brittany Drury, Director of Corporate Services

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