

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

(Covering the period from 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2022)

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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 was from May 1, 2018 until December 31, 2020. This appointment was extended by mutual agreement of the parties, on December 14, 2020 until March 31, 2023. This appointment was further extended by mutual agreement of the parties, on March 20, 2023, until July 31, 2023. This report represents the services provided from July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

Request for Advice

A request for advice was made by Councillor Shoemaker regarding the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act (MCIA), and potential conflicts of interest. Given the Integrity Commissioner is not a lawyer, Councillor Shoemaker was referred to Mr. John Hart of Ritchie Ketcheson Hart & Biggart. Mr. Hart provided some general information to the Integrity Commissioner as well regarding the MCIA.

Expenditures During Period and Total Since Appointment

The cost for services rendered for the period from from July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022, was \$6,402.45. This included the legal services provided by Mr. Hart and the development of the 2021 Annual Report for Council.

The total cost for services rendered since date of initial appointment in 2018 is \$11,933.81.