The Corporation of the Township of Ignace

By-law 108.2021

Being a By-law to Appoint an Integrity Commissioner and Closed Meeting Investigator for the Township of Ignace

- Whereas the Municipal Act S.O. 2001, authorizes the Corporation of the Township of Ignace to establish codes of conduct for members of Council and to appoint an Integrity Commissioner who reports to Council; and
- Whereas an Integrity Commissioner is responsible for performing in an independent manner the functions assigned by the Municipality; and
- Whereas the Municipal Act S.O. 2001 pursuant to Part V.1, Accountability and Transparency, obliges all Municipalities in Ontario to appoint an Integrity Commissioner to perform functions respecting:
 - 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.
- Whereas the Municipal Act provides that a municipality may appoint a closed meeting investigator who has the function to investigate in an independent manner, on a complaint made to him or her by any person, whether the municipality or a local board has complied with Section 239 of the Municipal Act or a procedural by-law under Section 238(2) of the Municipal Act in respect of a meeting or part of a meeting that was closed to the public, and to report on the investigation.
- Whereas Council deems it expedient to appoint Principles Integrity, through its principals Jeffrey A. Abrams and Janice Atwood-Petkovski, as the Township of Ignace's Integrity Commissioner, and as the Township of Ignace's Closed Meeting Investigator, to perform the functions, powers and duties recited above and as may be set out in the Municipal Act from time to time.

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Ignace enacts as follows:

- 1. That Principles Integrity through its principals Jeffrey A. Abrams and Janice Atwood-Petkovski is hereby appointed as the Township of Ignace's 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.
- 3. That upon appointment Principles Integrity will have all the functions, powers and duties of a closed meeting investigator as set out in 239.2 of the Municipal Act.
- 4. That in addition Principles Integrity will have such functions, powers and duties as may be assigned by Council from time to time.
- 5. That the Township of Ignace 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 defence 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 with respect to the Integrity Commissioner's duties as a closed meeting investigator, or an alleged neglect or default in the performance in good faith of the function, duty or authority.
- 6. That all actions taken and required to be taken by the xxx and Clerk on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of Ignace to complete this matter including the execution of the Agreement and any other associated documentation are hereby authorized, confirmed and ratified.
- 7. That this By-law shall come into force and take effect as of the final reading thereof.

Read a First and Second Time this 13th Day of December, 2021.

Read a Third and Finally Passed this 13th Day of December, 2021.

Penny Lucas, Mayor

Lynda Colby, Clerk