

Subject: Summary of Integrity Commissioner Report for Action

APPROVALS:

Annette Antoniak

Director

Chief Administrative Officer

Recommended Motion:

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the report from the Integrity Commissioner on the alleged Code of Conduct violation;

AND WHEREAS Council has considered the submissions as provided by Mayor D. Scott and his legal counsel;

AND WHEREAS Council has considered the content of Council's Code of Conduct;

NOW THEREFORE Council:

1. requests a public apology by the Mayor for his conduct on the afternoon of June 25, 2019 to be delivered during a regularly scheduled Council meeting and addressed to Council generally, Councillor McGrath in particular, as well as to RMWB employees.
2. issues a public reprimand through this motion passed at a regularly scheduled meeting of Council regarding the Mayor's conduct in relation to Councillor McGrath on the afternoon of June 25, 2019.

THAT each of the number items be voted on separately.

Summary and Background:

On July 4, 2019 Councillor Keith McGrath submitted a formal complaint under the Code and the Bylaw alleging that during an in-camera meeting of Council on June 25, 2019 Mayor Don Scott used profane language and attempted to physically restrain the Councillor from leaving the meeting and the Municipal building

Under section 6 of the Integrity Commissioner Bylaw No. 19/005 the role of the Integrity Commissioner is to receive, investigate and adjudicate Formal Complaints. If a contravention of the Code or any other policies or procedures governing the ethical behaviour of a member is established, the Commissioner is to provide

recommendations to Council regarding the imposition of a sanction.

The Integrity Commissioner undertook an investigation of the complaint and concluded that the Mayor has contravened sections 4.1(c), 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4 of the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw. Council has received a report on the Integrity Commissioner's findings and recommendations regarding the conduct of Mayor Don Scott in accordance with section 10 (j) of the Bylaw.

In the report, the Integrity Commissioner recommends that:

1. Council accept the conclusions contained in the Integrity Commissioner Report;
2. Council find that the Mayor acted in contravention of the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw; and
3. Council adopt the recommended sanctions for Mayor Don Scott as an expression of its commitment to the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw.

The Integrity Commission recommends further that Council impose the following sanction as an expression of its commitment to the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw:

1. A public reprimand through a motion passed at a regularly scheduled meeting of Council condemning the Mayor for his conduct in relation to Councillor McGrath on the afternoon of June 25, 2019; and
2. A demand for a public apology by the Mayor for his conduct on the afternoon on June 25, 2019 to be delivered during a regularly scheduled meeting of Council and addressed to Council generally and to Councillor McGrath in particular, as well as to all RMWB employees.

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government