

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 2025-027-AP

BEING A BY-LAW to appoint an Integrity Commissioner for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and to repeal By-law 2018-034-AP.

WHEREAS section 223.2 of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25*, as amended, requires that each municipality in the Province of Ontario establish codes of conduct for members of its Council and local boards;

WHEREAS section 223.3 of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25*, as amended, requires that each municipality in the Province of Ontario appoint an Integrity Commissioner, who shall be responsible for performing in an independent manner the functions assigned by the municipality with respect to any of the matters referenced in that section;

WHEREAS Council has adopted a Code of Ethical Conduct for Members of Council; and

WHEREAS Council deems it expedient to appoint Suzanne Craig SC Consulting, as the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville 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.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Suzanne Craig SC Consulting is hereby appointed as the Integrity Commissioner for the Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville;
2. That the Integrity Commissioner is hereby assigned the functions assigned by the municipality with respect to the following:
 - a. The application of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council and the Code of Conduct for members of local boards;
 - b. 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;
 - c. 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;
 - d. Requests from Members of Council and of local boards for advice respecting their obligations under the Code of Conduct applicable to the member;
 - e. 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;
 - f. Requests from Members of Council and of local boards for advice respecting their obligations under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*;

and

- g. The provision of educational information to Members of Council, members of local boards, the municipality and the public about the municipality's Code of Conduct for Members of Council and members of local boards and about the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*; and
 - h. Other matters as maybe assigned by Council from time to time.
3. That the Integrity Commissioner and any person acting under the instructions of the Integrity Commissioner is hereby indemnified and saved harmless 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 duty or authority under this part or a by-law passed under it or an alleged neglect or default in the performance in good faith of the 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 Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville to complete this matter including the execution of the agreement and any other associated documentation are hereby authorized, confirmed and ratified;
 5. That this By-law shall come into force and effect on the date of passage by Council; and
 6. That this By-law be enacted as of May 1st , 2025.
 7. That By-law 2018-034-AP is hereby repealed in its entirety.

READ a first and second time this 2nd day of April, 2025.

READ a third time and passed this 2nd day of April, 2025.

Iain Lovatt, Mayor

Becky Jamieson, Clerk