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C/O CAO MIKE PILON,
MUNICIPALITY OF WEST NIPISSING
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Dear Mayor Rochon and Council:

Re: Integrity Commissioner's Year End Report for 2024
Our File No. 18271-16

I am writing to provide you with my 2024 year-end report as Integrity Commissioner for West Nipissing.

I certainly thank Council and Staff for appointing me to this position. I have continued to be impressed with the excellent interactions with municipal council and I am very pleased with the way that this term of Council is proceeding as it relates to Council's attention to their obligation under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and the Code of Conduct.

In 2024, I received two (2) complaints of a breach of the Code of Conduct by two (2) members of Council. My investigations of these matters are complete and reports provided.

I have had no complaints of breaches of the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* which I am particularly pleased about as this statute has an exceptionally costly enforcement process and creates significant financial risk for a councillor who is found to have breached the *Act*.

In 2024, I had seven (7) requests for advice from members of Council with respect to their ethical obligations. Many of those requests were able to be answered the same day or the following day with a few being somewhat more complex.

Requests for advice continue to show me that Council is aware of, and is actively working to, comply with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and the Code of Conduct and is being proactive and preventative with respect to issues that could otherwise result in complaints and investigations. This demonstrates prudent leadership and stewardship of public funds as investigations can be costly to the taxpayers.

I would urge Council to review the Conflict-of-Interest card that I provided and to continue to seek advice if there are any questions about the *Act* or its application.

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I look forward to continue working with you.

Yours truly,
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