Minutes – Council – January 30, 2025

Minute No. 141
Report – Integrity Commissioner

Item No. 1 Report on a Complaint by City of Winnipeg Integrity Commissioner

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council reprimanded the Respondent for violating the Members of Council Code of Conduct By-law 19/2018, as outlined in the report of the Acting Integrity Commissioner dated October 28, 2024, and not issuing a public apology for his conduct.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Pursuant to Section 47.1 of the Procedure By-law 50/2007, as the subject of the Investigation Report from the Integrity Commissioner, Councillor Wyatt is deemed to have a conflict of interest with respect to this matter and cannot participate in debate nor vote on any motion concerning the report. Accordingly, Councillor Wyatt left the Chamber after appearing in delegation on the matter.

Moved by His Worship Mayor Gillingham,
Seconded by Councillor Sharma,

WHEREAS in the report dated October 28, 2024, the Acting Integrity Commissioner found the Respondent to be in violation of the Members of Council Code of Conduct By-law 19/2018;

AND WHEREAS the Acting Integrity Commissioner has recommended that the Respondent be required to make a public apology for their conduct prior to the December 12, 2024 Council meeting, and if an apology addressing the issues outlined in the Integrity Commissioner's report was not issued in that time period, Council issue a public reprimand;

AND WHEREAS at the November 21, 2024 Council meeting, the Respondent addressed the Recommendations of the Acting Integrity Commissioner, and acknowledged a correction of his statements in the media that the appeal was not a delay tactic, and is a right the City of Winnipeg has (Recommendation 1. D. and 2.), but to date has not issued a public apology in accordance with the remaining Recommendations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Respondent be reprimanded for violating the Members of Council Code of Conduct By-law 19/2018, as outlined in the report of the Acting Integrity Commissioner dated October 28, 2024, and not issuing a public apology for his conduct.

Councillor Eadie called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea:	His Worship Mayor Gillingham, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Dobson, Duncan, Eadie, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Santos and Sharma.	12
Nay:	Councillors Rollins and Schreyer	2
Absent:	Councillor Orlikow	1

Carried

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION:

On December 12, 2024, Council laid over consideration of the matter to its meeting on January 30, 2025.

On November 21, 2024, Council adopted the recommendation of the Integrity Commissioner, with the following amendments:

- Amend Recommendation 2 by deleting the words “prior to” and replacing them with “at the”
- Add the following new Recommendation 3

    “3. That should the Respondent not issue a public apology at a Council meeting, that the report be reconsidered at the December 12, 2024 Council meeting to consider a public reprimand and/or the removal of a Councillor from Committee in accordance with Section 26. iv. of the Members of Council Code of Conduct By-law 19/2018.”