

Minutes – Council – April 30, 2026

Minute No. 290

Report – Governance Committee of Council – April 15, 2026

Item No. 3 Appointment of Interim Integrity Commissioner

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council and adopted the following:

1. That Kathleen Coutts be appointed as Interim Integrity Commissioner effective May 1, 2026, until March 31, 2027 or other such time as determined by Council.
2. That subject to the approval of Recommendation 1, the existing contract for Integrity Commissioner services be amended to implement Recommendation 1 in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the City Solicitor / Director of Legal Services to protect the interests of the City.
3. That the City Clerk be directed to initiate a recruitment process for the appointment of the next City of Winnipeg Integrity Commissioner, following the 2026 General Election.
4. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

The Speaker, Councillor Sharma called Deputy Speaker, Councillor Orlikow to the Chair in order to move the following motion:

Moved by Councillor Sharma,

That the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council be adopted.

Carried

Councillor Wyatt was absent from the vote on the above motion.

David Grant submitted a communication in opposition to the matter.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 21, 2026, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council and submitted the matter to Council.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 15, 2026, the Governance Committee of Council submitted the following to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

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