

INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Report To Council Regarding Deferred Code of Conduct Report Concerning Councillor Doug Ford

Date:	February 12, 2013
То:	City Council
From:	Integrity Commissioner
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

At its meeting on October 30, 31 and November 1, 2012 City Council received a report from the Integrity Commissioner relating to the *Code of Conduct for Members of Council* ("*Code of Conduct*"). The member expressed concern about his ability to speak to those matters pending the release of a ruling by the Superior Court of Justice in the matter of *Paul Magder v. Robert Ford* ("*Magder v. Ford*").

City Council deferred Item CC27.12 (Report on Violation of Code of Conduct for Members of Council: Councillor Doug Ford) and requested the Integrity Commissioner to refrain from reporting on violations of the *Code of Conduct* pending a decision in *Magder v. Ford*.

The matter has now been decided by the Divisional Court of Ontario. The Court specifically noted, "There is no reason to preclude a member from speaking to a report recommending a reprimand or requesting an apology."

As a result, this matter is being brought back before Council for decision.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Integrity Commissioner recommends:

1. On deferred item CC27.12: Report on Violation of Code of Conduct for Members of Council: Councillor Doug Ford

- a. City Council adopt a finding that Councillor Ford breached Article XII of the *Code of Conduct.*
- b. City Council adopt the recommendation that no sanction be imposed by Council on Councillor Doug Ford.

Financial Impact

This report will have no financial impact on the City of Toronto.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

DECISION HISTORY

City Council has before it Item CC27.12, a report to council from the Integrity Commissioner. The report recommends a finding that Councillor Doug Ford breached Article XII of the *Code of Conduct* and recommends that City Council impose a reprimand.

Councillor Ford has now apologized for his conduct. The complainant and the MOH have both accepted his apology. The Integrity Commissioner recommends that Council impose no further sanction when it considers Item CC27.12.

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