



**INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER
REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Office of the Integrity Commissioner – 2014 Operating Budget

Date:	November 26, 2013
To:	Budget Committee
From:	Integrity Commissioner
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report details information related to the 2014 Operating Budget and recommends a full-year 2014 budget of \$299.1 thousand for consideration by the Budget Committee. Excluding the enhancement request of \$36.7 thousand, the 2014 base budget request is flat-lined to the 2014 approved adjusted budget of \$262.4 thousand.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Integrity Commissioner recommends that:

Budget Committee recommends to Executive Committee that:

1. City Council approve the 2014 operating budget of \$299.1 thousand for the Office of the Integrity Commissioner.

Financial Impact

The financial impact of adopting the recommendation in this report will be an inclusion of the annual budget of the Office of the Integrity Commissioner at \$299.1 thousand in the City of Toronto's 2014 operating budget.

DECISION HISTORY

The Integrity Commissioner is one of four Accountability Officers required under City of Toronto Act, 2006. The office operates with a part-time Integrity Commissioner, staffed by one full time Administrative Assistant. The Integrity Commissioner was appointed by Council in September, 2009 for a five year term.

City Council on July 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2013 adopted the following:

1. City Council endorse moving to a full time Integrity Commissioner commencing with the appointment of the next Integrity Commissioner in September 2014, and request the City Manager and City Clerk to report on the financial and any other implications of this change through the 2014 operating budget process

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Integrity Commissioner performs the functions assigned by City Council in an independent manner with respect to the application of the Codes of Conduct for members of City Council, members of local boards (restricted definition) including adjudicative boards and relating to the application of any procedures, rules and policies of the City, local boards (restricted definition) including adjudicative boards and governing the ethical behavior of members of City Council and those boards.

The Integrity Commissioner provides advice and outreach to members of Council and local and adjudicative boards, opinions as requested by Council, and conducts inquiries into the contravention of the Codes of Conduct reporting to Council in accordance with the Complaint Protocols and Codes of Conduct which have been established by Council.

The Integrity Commissioner reports annually to Council on the work of the office.

COMMENTS

The Integrity Commissioner's office currently operates with 2.0 staff. The 2014 Operating Budget request for a full time Integrity Commissioner reflects the increased workload of the office and will enable the Office of the Integrity Commissioner to fulfill its mandate.

The 2014 operating budget is \$299.1 thousand and includes:

- base budget pressures of \$ 2.0 thousand net, which include, reversal of one-time reduction for non-payroll budget in 2013 and budgetary provision for COLA increase, economic factor adjustments for non-payroll items and progression pay increase.

- a budget reduction of \$2.0 thousand net that represents a reduction equivalent to 0.7% of the 2013 Approved Net Operating Budget.
- A new/enhancement request of \$36.7 thousand net per Council direction on a full time Integrity Commissioner with the appointment of a new Integrity Commissioner starting September 6, 2014. The \$36.7 thousand is the partial year impact in 2014 of converting the Integrity Commissioner's position from part-time to full time. There will be annualization impact of \$76.4k in 2015 for this position conversion.

This results in an increase of \$36.7 thousand or 14.0% from the 2013 Approved Operating Budget of \$262.4 thousand net.

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