

**Investigation Report  
Regarding Conduct of Councillor Jim Karygiannis  
(Parking Enforcement)**

**Date:** May 31, 2016  
**To:** City Council  
**From:** Valerie Jepson, Integrity Commissioner  
**Wards:** All  
**Reference:**

**SUMMARY**

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A member of the public (the "Complainant") filed a complaint alleging that Councillor Jim Karygiannis contravened the Code of Conduct for Members of Council (the "Code of Conduct" or the "Code") because of a series of interactions between the Councillor and the Complainant's family in relation to a parking issue.

I investigated whether Councillor Karygiannis' conduct contravened Article VI (Use of City Property, Services, and Other Resources) and Article XIV (Discreditable Conduct) of the Code of Conduct. In the attached report I conclude that the Councillor contravened Article XIV (Discreditable Conduct) of the Code of Conduct for acting in an intimidating manner toward the Complainant and her family with respect to a parking enforcement matter. I recommend that City Council reprimand Councillor Karygiannis for his conduct.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**The Integrity Commissioner recommends that:**

1. Council adopt a finding that Councillor Karygiannis contravened Article XIV (Discreditable Conduct) of the Code of Conduct; and,
2. Council reprimand Councillor Karygiannis.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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This report has no financial impact.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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Council has not previously considered this matter.

## **COMMENTS**

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The attached report outlines the findings, conclusions, and the rationale for the recommendations that Council adopt a finding that Councillor Karygiannis contravened Article XIV (Discreditable Conduct) of the Code of Conduct and reprimand him for his conduct.

The report also includes analysis of councillors' role in bylaw enforcement matters. Without encroaching on enforcement activities, councillors can play a helpful role with respect to encouraging bylaw compliance. For example, Councillors can carry out informal "ward tours" to help identify bylaw violations and other problems by reporting information, including photos, to parking enforcement or Municipal Licensing and Standards. Councillors can have discussions with constituents about bylaws and can provide information to the public about bylaws in ward newsletters and in local newspapers. However, councillors must recognize when their interactions with constituents are no longer productive and refer enforcement issues to the appropriate enforcement agency.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Integrity Commissioner Report Regarding Conduct of Councillor Jim Karygiannis (Parking Enforcement) (12 pages)