

Office of the

INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER

2017 Annual Report

Valerie Jepson, Integrity Commissioner

Presentation to City Council

January 31, February 1, 2, 2018 Council Meeting

Highlights

- 2017 priorities:
 - Investigations
 - Provision of timely advice
 - Direct outreach and education to local boards
 - Policy review regarding new IC responsibilities
 - Review of *Code of Conduct for Local Boards*

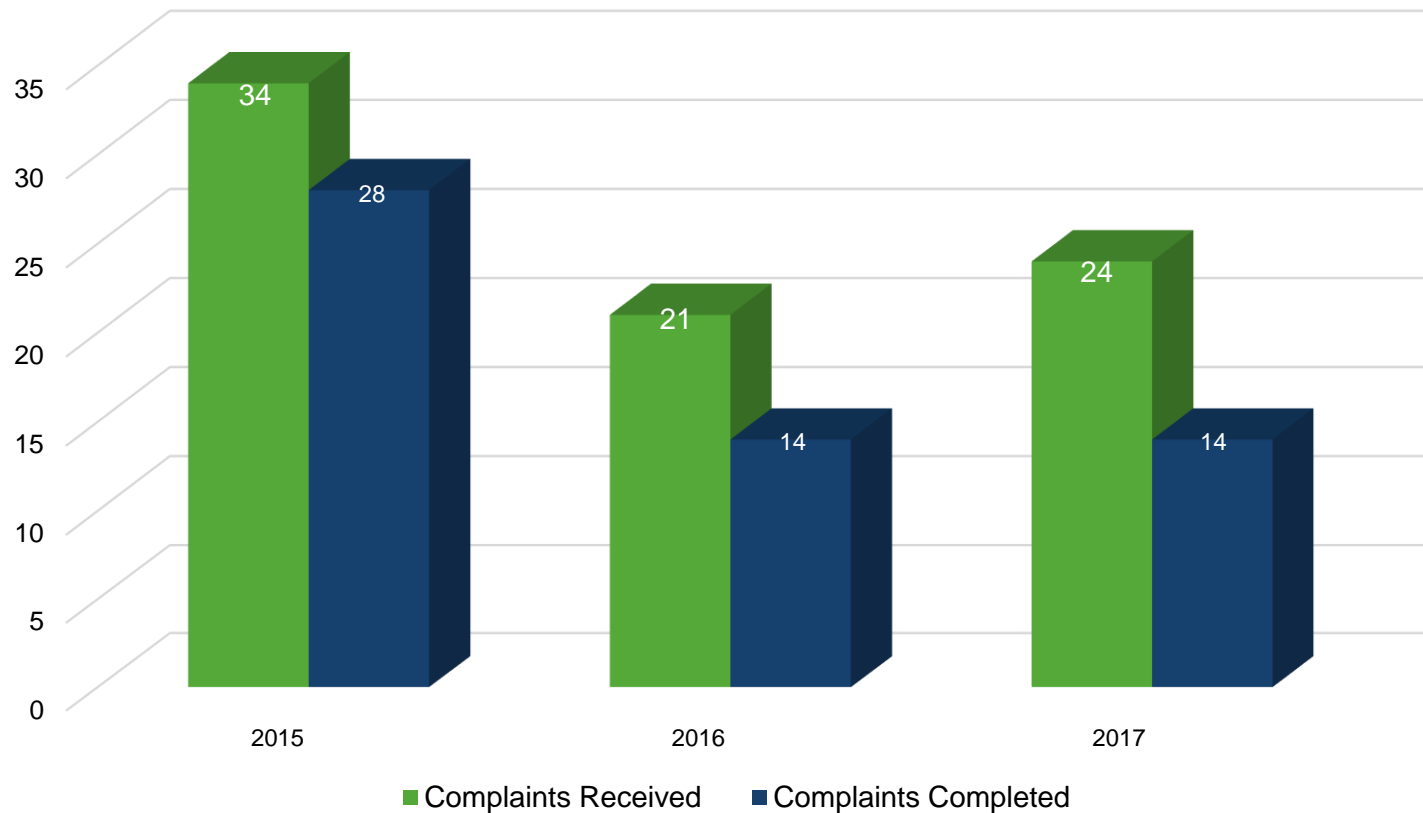
Highlights

- Outreach to local boards is having an impact.
- Monitoring and preparing for upcoming changes to the IC's jurisdiction.
 - There is an acute need for City Council to provide adequate resources to enable the office to conclude cases in a timely manner, and respond to the provincial legislative changes.
- Continuing to work with the other Accountability Officers pursuant to the 4-way Memorandum of Understanding (October 19, 2015).

Output of the office

- Responded to 193 requests for advice from members of Council and Local Boards.
 - Responses in 2 days or less 94% of the time (MoC) and 87% of the time (MofLB).
- Responded to more than 250 requests for advice or information from residents and City staff.
- Received 28 new complaints—24 through formal procedure, and 4 through informal procedure.
 - Issued 11 investigative reports that concluded 18 formal complaints.
- Provided 30 education and outreach sessions—23 to Local Boards.
- Reviewed 21 gift disclosure forms.

Formal complaints closed in the year received



Time taken to close complaints

Average Time Taken to Complete Complaints (Tracked since January 2015)	
Complaint Type	Number of Days (Calendar Days)
Investigated complaints	271
Dismissed without investigation	52

Policy work

- Ongoing policy review of Chapter 3 of the Toronto Municipal Code (“Accountability Officers”) and the complaint protocols, to prepare for upcoming changes to the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* and *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.
- Completed new Interpretation Bulletin regarding special considerations for Arena Board Members.
- Policy review with respect to the *Code of Conduct for Members of Local Boards (Restricted Definition)*, in consideration of the new Toronto Investment Board and Toronto Realty Agency Board.
- Councillor involvement in fundraising (review temporarily suspended due to competing priorities).

Priorities for the year ahead

- Issuing clear resources regarding duties of elected officials during an election period.
- Completing open investigations involving members of Council.
- Significant preparation for changes to the jurisdiction of the Integrity Commissioner.

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Thank you.

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