Report Regarding the Conduct of Councillor Josh Matlow

Date: June 18, 2018  
To: City Council  
From: Valerie Jepson, Integrity Commissioner  
Wards: All

SUMMARY

The Integrity Commissioner has jurisdiction to conduct inquiries pursuant to the authorities in the City of Toronto Act, 2006 and Chapter 3 of the Toronto Municipal Code.

This Report for Action transmits to City Council the Commissioner’s report regarding the Conduct of Councillor Josh Matlow. It is filed with City Council in accordance with the Code of Conduct Complaint Protocol for Members of Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Integrity Commissioner recommends that:

1. City Council adopt a finding that Councillor Josh Matlow contravened Article XII (Conduct Respecting Staff) of the Code of Conduct.

2. City Council reprimand Councillor Matlow as an expression of its commitment to the Code of Conduct.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This report has no financial impact.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council has not previously considered this matter.

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COMMENTS

On November 13, 2017, Andy Byford, then-CEO of the Toronto Transit Commission (the "TTC"), filed a complaint alleging that Councillor Josh Matlow contravened the Code of Conduct for Members of Council (the "Code of Conduct") for statements he made in a radio interview on October 25, 2016, and for comments he made at the City’s Audit Committee and City Council meetings in October and November 2017.

The Integrity Commissioner has concluded that Councillor Matlow contravened Article XII (Conduct Respecting Staff) of the Code of Conduct and recommends that City Council reprimand him for his conduct as a way to express its commitment to the Code of Conduct.

The attached report includes a detailed summary of the procedure, results of the investigation, findings and recommendations with respect to penalty or remedial action.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Integrity Commissioner Report Regarding the Conduct of Councillor Josh Matlow (14 pages)