

## **Report on Councillor Anthony Perruzza's Use of Resources in an Election**

**Date:** July 17, 2024  
**To:** City Council  
**From:** Jonathan Batty, Integrity Commissioner  
**Wards:** All

### **SUMMARY**

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The Integrity Commissioner investigated a complaint about Councillor Anthony Perruzza made under the *Code of Conduct for Members of Council* (the "Code of Conduct"). In addition, Councillor Perruzza self-reported the matter to the Integrity Commissioner.

The matter concerned a flyer Councillor Perruzza's office had printed and distributed, advertising events before Voting Day in the 2022 election, after the distribution ban imposed by Council policy.

The appended report of the inquiry under s. 160 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* considers whether Councillor Perruzza violated:

- Article 15 (Council Policies & Procedures)

Based on the evidence referenced in the report, the Integrity Commissioner found:

- Councillor Perruzza's conduct violated Article 15.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Integrity Commissioner recommends that:

1. City Council adopt a finding that Councillor Perruzza has violated Article 15 of the Code of Conduct.
2. City Council not impose any penalty as Councillor Perruzza self-reported the matter and fully mitigated the issue.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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This report has no financial impact.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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City Council has not previously considered this matter.

## **COMMENTS**

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### **CONTEXT**

In considering a report from the Integrity Commissioner, Members of Council are required to keep an open mind and to be seen to keep an open mind. As the courts have noted, the role of an elected representative and civic leader and the role of an adjudicator are not incompatible. In assigning such a role to Members of Council, the Legislature was confident they would act with an open mind as adjudicators.

In considering a report from the Integrity Commissioner, Council may accept or reject the findings. If it rejects the findings, Council can decide to receive the report for information and the matter is concluded.

If Council accepts one or more of the Integrity Commissioner's findings, Council can accept, revise or reject the recommendation(s) on penalty. If Council wishes to revise or reject the recommendation(s) on penalty and impose its own, it may do so within the prescribed limits of imposing a reprimand or a suspension of remuneration of up to 90 days.

Council does not have jurisdiction to make a finding of its own but may refer a matter back to the Integrity Commissioner for investigation.

When Council considers a matter concerning the conduct of a sitting Member of Council, that Member may participate in debate, and attempt to influence voting, but in accordance with s. 5 (2.1) paragraph 1 of the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* (MCIA) may not vote when Council considers whether to suspend their remuneration.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1:      Report on Councillor Anthony Perruzza's Use of City Resources in  
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