

Report on the Investigation into the Disclosure of Confidential Information from Audit Committee Item AU11.3

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To: City Council
From: Paul Muldoon, Integrity Commissioner
Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report describes the Integrity Commissioner's investigation into the unauthorized disclosure of confidential information from an attachment to the February 12, 2026 Audit Committee agenda. Some of that information appeared in a media article before the material became public. City Council directed the Integrity Commissioner to investigate whether a Member of Council or political staff member was responsible.

While the unauthorized disclosure was deliberate, there was insufficient evidence to determine who disclosed this and to conclude that a Member or political staff breached the Code of Conduct. The investigation identified broader concerns about access to confidential information and how it is shared within Members' offices. To address these issues, the Integrity Commissioner will work with the City Clerk and City Solicitor to develop guidance on the practices required to meet Members' confidentiality obligations under the Code of Conduct.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Integrity Commissioner recommends that City Council receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This report has no financial impact.

DECISION HISTORY

On March 26, 2026, City Council requested that the Integrity Commissioner investigate the apparent release of confidential information to the media from item 2026 AU11.3.
<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2026.AU11.3>

Under s. 160 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, City Council may request an inquiry by the Integrity Commissioner into whether a member of Council has contravened the Code of Conduct for Members of Council ("Code of Conduct").

COMMENTS

This report summarizes the investigation conducted by the Integrity Commissioner Toronto (ICT) into the disclosure of confidential information contained in an attachment to the February 12, 2026 Audit Committee agenda. Some information from the confidential document that had not been made public appeared in a Toronto Star article published on February 23, 2026.

In March 2026, City Council directed my Office to determine whether a Member of Council or a member of political staff breached the [Code of Conduct for Members of Council](#) (Code of Conduct) by disclosing confidential information.

The confidential document was accessible through the Clerk's Meeting Portal (CMP) to 94 authorized users, including all 26 Members of Council and 37 political staff. Of those individuals, 21 accessed the document before publication of the Toronto Star article.

The ICT required the relevant Members of Council and political staff to answer questions under solemn declaration before a commissioner for affidavits.

The disclosure was the result of deliberate human action despite the City's safeguards. However, there was insufficient evidence to conclude, on a balance of probabilities, that a Member of Council or their staff breached the Code of Conduct.

The investigation identified concerns including the number of individuals granted access to the document and the circumstances in which confidential information may be shared within Members' offices. The ICT proposes to work with the City Clerk and City Solicitor on an Interpretation Bulletin clarifying some of these issues.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Report on the Investigation into the Disclosure of Confidential Information from Audit Committee Item AU11.3