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## Statement from the Office of the Integrity Commissioner: Appointment of Commissioner Paul Muldoon

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Today Toronto City Council appointed Paul Muldoon as the City's sixth Integrity Commissioner, effective December 1, 2024, for a term of five years. I extend my warm congratulations to Commissioner Muldoon and, as I complete my term at the end of November, I look forward to supporting his transition into office.

The Integrity Commissioner serves a key role in the City's Accountability Framework. The Commissioner provides expert advice to members of City Council and local boards about the high standards of conduct members must meet under their Codes of Conduct and the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*. The Commissioner impartially investigates complaints about potential misconduct of Council and board members. The Commissioner's mandate includes education and outreach and advising Council and City staff on matters of ethics.

Toronto City Council has been a leader in government accountability and appointed its first Integrity Commissioner twenty years ago in 2004. This role is recognized as an essential part of effective government, and since 2019 the province of Ontario has required each municipality to have an Integrity Commissioner.

The independence of the Office of the Integrity Commissioner and the other Accountability Officers is protected through the framework set out in Chapter 3 of the Toronto Municipal Code.

Please see the City of Toronto press release on Commissioner Paul Muldoon's appointment, here: <u>City of Toronto News Release</u>

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