

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL

BY-LAW NUMBER 38-2022

**A by-law to Appoint an Integrity Commissioner  
and Lobbyist Registrar and to Repeal By-law 5-  
2018.**

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, (the *Municipal Act*) provides that the powers of a municipal corporation are to be exercised by its Council through the adoption of by-laws;

AND WHEREAS, the *Municipal Act* authorizes the Region of Peel to establish codes of conduct for members of Council and to appoint an Integrity Commissioner who reports to Council;

AND WHEREAS, Regional Council has adopted a Code of Conduct by enacting By-law 65-2020;

AND WHEREAS, an Integrity Commissioner is responsible for performing in an independent manner the functions assigned by the municipality;

AND WHEREAS, the *Municipal Act*, pursuant to Part V.1, Accountability and Transparency, obliges all municipalities in Ontario to appoint an Integrity Commissioner to perform in an independent manner the functions assigned by the municipality with respect to;

1. The application of the code of conduct for members of council and the code of conduct for members of local boards.
2. The application of any procedures, rules and policies of the municipality and local boards governing the ethical behaviour of members of council and of local boards.
3. The application of sections 5, 5.1 and 5.2 of the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* to members of council and of local boards.
4. Requests from members of council and of local boards for advice respecting their obligations under the code of conduct applicable to the member.
5. Requests from members of council and of local boards for advice respecting their obligations under a procedure, rule or policy of the municipality or of the local board, as the case may be, governing the ethical behaviour of members.

6. Requests from members of council and of local boards for advice respecting their obligations under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.
7. The provision of educational information to members of council, members of local boards, the municipality and the public about the municipality's codes of conduct for members of council and members of local boards and about the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*;

AND WHEREAS, by the adoption of a resolution on July 7, 2022, Council has chosen to appoint Principles Integrity, through its principals Jeffrey A. Abrams and Janice Atwood-Petkovski, as the Region of Peel Integrity Commissioner to perform advisory, inquiry and reporting functions respecting the matters recited above and as may be set out in the *Municipal Act* from time to time;

AND WHEREAS, the *Municipal Act* authorizes the Region of Peel to establish a Lobbyist Registry and appoint a Lobbyist Registrar who reports to Council;

AND WHEREAS, By-law 47-2016 being a by-law to establish a Lobbyist Registry and Registration system and establish the position and duties of the Lobbyist Registrar was enacted at the October 13, 2016, Regional Council Meeting;

AND WHEREAS, by the adoption of a resolution on July 7, 2022, Council has chosen to appoint Principles Integrity, through its principals Jeffrey A. Abrams and Janice Atwood-Petkovski, as the Region of Peel Lobbyist Registrar to perform the functions, powers and duties recited in By-law 47-2016;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Regional Corporation enacts as follows:

1. That Principles Integrity through its principals Jeffrey A. Abrams and Janice Atwood-Petkovski is hereby appointed as the Region of Peel's Integrity Commissioner pursuant to Part V.1, Accountability and Transparency, of the *Municipal Act*.
2. That upon appointment Principles Integrity will have all the functions, powers and duties of an Integrity Commissioner as set out in Part V.1, Accountability and Transparency, of the *Municipal Act*, and in addition such functions, powers and duties as may be assigned by Council from time to time.
3. That Principles Integrity is hereby assigned advisory, inquiry and reporting functions respecting the matters recited above utilizing the corresponding powers and discharging the corresponding duties conferred upon an Integrity Commissioner under Part V.1 of the *Municipal Act* or otherwise by law.
4. That the Region of Peel hereby indemnifies and save harmless the Integrity

Commissioner or any person acting under the instructions of the Integrity Commissioner for costs reasonably incurred in connection with the defence of a proceeding if the proceeding relates to an act done in good faith in the performance or intended performance of a function, duty or authority under Part V.1 of the *Municipal Act*, or a by-law passed thereunder, or an alleged neglect or default in the performance in good faith of the function, duty or authority.

5. That all actions taken and required to be taken by the Region and Clerk on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Peel to complete this matter including the execution of an agreement with the Integrity Commissioner and Lobbyist Registrar for the provision of its services and any other associated documentation are hereby authorized, confirmed and ratified.
6. That Principles Integrity through its principals Jeffrey A. Abrams and Janice Atwood-Petkovski is hereby appointed as the Region of Peel's Lobbyist Registrar pursuant to Region of Peel By-law 47-2016.
7. That this By-law shall come into force and take effect February 1, 2023;
8. And further that By-law 5-2018 (being a by-law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner and Lobbyist Registrar) be repealed as of January 31, 2023 at 11:59 pm.

READ THREE TIMES AND PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

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Regional Clerk

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Regional Chair