



OFFICE OF THE INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER

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City Council
City of Hamilton

RE: Integrity Commissioner Update on Status of Open Inquiries

I am providing this report to update Council on the status of outstanding inquiries currently being conducted by the Integrity Commissioner into alleged violations of the City of Hamilton Code of Conduct and to explain the delay in completing inquiries.

Over the past five (5) months I have been experiencing serious personal and family medical issues that affected my ability to complete inquiries and report my findings to Council in a timely manner. It is only lately that my personal health has improved to the extent in which I can now fully complete all outstanding inquiries.

The following is an update of the outstanding inquiries:

<u>Inquiry #</u>	<u>Status of Inquiry</u>	<u>Expected Completion Date of Report</u>
2012-02	Inquiry and report completed April 2013. A matter directly related to this inquiry is currently before the courts. Report is being held in abeyance until such time as the court hearing is concluded.	Unknown. Trial date set for the summer of 2015.
2013-03	Interviews and inquiries complete. Currently compiling the report.	January 21, 2015
2014-02	Interviews conducted. Other inquiries expected to be completed by 14.12.19. Report to be compiled.	January 21, 2015
2014-03	Interviews completed. Other inquiries expected to be completed by 14.12.19. Report to be compiled.	January 21, 2015

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2014-04	Interviews conducted. Other inquiries expected to be completed by 14.12.19. Report to be compiled.	January 21, 2015
2014-05	Interviews and inquiries complete. Currently compiling the report.	January 21, 2015

At this time, I am not experiencing any medical issues and am able to continue with my duties. However, I have some concern that my recent medical problems may return and I would again have difficulty completing inquiries. This is not in the best interest of the City of Hamilton, its Mayor and Council or its residents.

Council has recently authorized the appointment of a Lobbyist Commissioner and is combining the roles of the Lobbyist Commissioner with that of the Integrity Commissioner to form one new Commissioner's office. My current term of office ends in July 2015. I would request that the process for the appointment of this new Commissioner take into consideration the possibility of my medical issues returning and affecting my ability to complete any new inquiries in a timely manner prior to my term expiring.



Earl D. Basse
Integrity Commissioner – City of Hamilton