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CITY OF HAMILTON INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER, DAVID G. BOGHOSIAN

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Date: January 3, 2025

ADDENDUM REPORT ON COMPLAINT

[1] Following the issuance of my Report in this matter, Cllr. Kroetsch contacted me to clarify what he indicated were a couple of factual inaccuracies regarding his relationship with Ashley Wilson and Wade Poziomka.

- [2] Specifically, he advised me as follows:
 - He has not known Mr. Poziomka for 14 years; rather, he only met Mr. Poziomka first around the time of being a legal observer at the encampment on Ferguson Avenue (2020) or possibly just before then with respect to the LGBTQ Advisory Committee matter in which Mr. Poziomka represented him. The rest of the facts relating to his professional relationship with Mr. Poziomka as represented in my Report are accurate;
 - It is Ms. Wilson who he has known since his days in Guelph, which he stated was about 12, not 14, years ago, where they met when they were both union reps. His professional relationship with Ms. Wilson was accurately portrayed in my Report.

[3] Despite the fact that my notes of my interview with Cllr. Kroetsch reflect what I wrote about his personal relationship with the two lawyers, I accept that my notes could be mistaken and I revise my factual findings accordingly.

[4] These revised facts do not change my conclusions regarding the findings and recommended penalty set out in my Report. Specifically, Cllr. Kroetsch had a professional relationship with two lawyers who acted for him pro bono who also acted for parties litigating against the City in respect of which litigation he participated in debates and moved motions that were potentially beneficial to those parties and their lawyers by extension. He also had personal relationships with at least one of those lawyers. In failing to disclose this, I maintain that he breached ss. 8.(2)(b) and (4) of the Code of Conduct.

[5] This concludes my Addendum Report.

Yours very truly,

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David G. Boghosian Integrity Commissioner, City of Hamilton