



**Mayoral Direction to Staff**  
**MDS-2025-02**

August 5, 2025

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**Subject:** Disclosure of Council-Initiated Legal Expenditures

**To:** All Relevant Municipal Staff

**Under the Strong Mayor Powers granted by provincial legislation, and pursuant to the principles of fiscal accountability and transparency, I hereby direct the following:**

**Whereas** the municipal council has authorized the expenditure of significant dollars on legal fees, extending well beyond the approved budgets for 2024 and 2025; and

**Whereas** public transparency and sound financial stewardship require the timely and detailed disclosure of such expenditures.

**Now therefore be it resolved that:**

- Municipal staff shall compile and provide a comprehensive breakdown of all council-initiated legal costs, including but not limited to:
  - Costs associated with Integrity Commissioner (IC) investigations or reports
  - External legal counsel retainers
  - Specific issues, decisions, or matters to which each cost pertains
- This breakdown shall include dates, amounts, service providers, and corresponding issues for full transparency.
- The information shall be shared with all members of council and prepared in a format suitable for potential public release.

This direction is effective immediately. Please ensure that the requested documentation is prioritized and circulated no later than October 31, 2025.

Sincerely,

Arie Hoogenboom  
Mayor