



## MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

### Staff Report

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**Report To:** Council Meeting  
**From:** Jana Nethercott, Clerk  
**Date:** 2020-05-28  
**Report:** 2020-06  
**Subject:** Integrity Commissioner/Closed Meeting Investigator/Ombudsman  
Proposed Contract Extension

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#### **Recommendation:**

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Jana Nethercott, Clerk re: proposed contract extension with Independent Resolutions Inc. as Integrity Commissioner/Closed Meeting Investigator/Ombudsman; and

That the County of Elgin be advised that West Elgin Council is supportive of extending the current contract with Independent Resolutions Inc. as Integrity Commissioner/Closed Meeting Investigator/Ombudsman for the Municipality of West Elgin effective January 1, 2021 until December 31, 2022, with the existing terms and conditions as the previous contract and with no change in fees for another two (2) years, if agreed upon by Elgin County, Middlesex County and Elgin's participating municipalities.

#### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council regarding the option to extend, at no additional cost the current contract with Independent Resolutions Inc. as the municipal Integrity Commissioner/Closed Meeting Investigator/Ombudsman until December 31, 2022.

#### **Background:**

In 2018 the counties of Middlesex and Elgin partnered together to issue a joint RFP for Integrity Commissioner/Closed Meeting Investigator/Ombudsman services for themselves and their partnering municipalities. Independent Resolutions Inc. was the chosen proposal and individual contracts were signed with each partnering municipalities from January 1, 2018 until December 31, 2020.

At Elgin County Council on April 28, 2020, County Council approved the extension of the current contract with Independent Resolutions Inc. to act as Integrity Commissioner/Closed Meeting Investigator/Ombudsman for the County of Elgin until December 31, 2022. Elgin County Chief Administrative Officer, Julie Gonyou is now seeking resolutions from municipal partners of those wishing to extend their contracts with Independent Resolutions Inc.

#### **Policies/Legislation:**

Municipal Act Sections 223.3, 223.13 & 239.2

