

City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: CORP-2026-028

Date: April 14, 2026

Originator: Karen McIsaac, City Clerk

Business Unit:

Department:

Corporate Services

Clerks Department

Subject: Inquiry Report – Cassellholme Board of Management v. Lowery,
2026 ONMIC 1

Closed Session: yes no

Recommendation

That Council receive the attached Inquiry Report from the City of North Bay's Integrity Commissioner, Guy Giorno, dated April 4, 2026, for information purposes as set out in the *Municipal Act*.

Background

Guy Giorno, the City's Integrity Commissioner, received complaints alleging that a Member contravened the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and the City of North Bay's Code of Conduct.

Pursuant to section 223.5(1) of the *Municipal Act*, all complaints must remain confidential until the Integrity Commissioner has completed their investigation. The Member of Council was advised of the complaint in order to make representations.

The Integrity Commissioner has completed his investigation and has provided the following Decisions.

Decision (MCIA)

167. I will not apply to a judge under section 8 of the MCIA for a determination as to whether Councillor Jamie Lowery contravened the MCIA on September 2, 2025.

168. This decision is limited to the September 2 Council Meeting. The assessment of a conflict of interest must be made on a case-by-case

basis. Just because discussion and voting on the 2025 Motion did not engage a pecuniary interest does not mean that a subsequent matter before Council or a committee – perhaps difference in some material respect – will be similarly treated. The Integrity Commissioner is always available to give confidential advice to a Council Member at any time.

Conclusion (CODE)

169. I find that Councillor Lowery did not contravene section 13.1 of the Code.

Pursuant to section 223.6(3) of the *Municipal Act* the Municipality hereby makes this Report to Council on an Inquiry Report from the City's Integrity Commissioner available to the public.

Financial/Legal Implications

The City has expended \$19,497.00 (including the City's portion of the HST) in relation to this matter.

Each year the City budgets \$75,000.00 for investigations made by the Integrity Commissioner.

Corporate Strategic Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural North and Near | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Prosperity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Balanced Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirited Safe Community |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsible and Responsive Government | |

Specific Objectives

Ensure continuous improvement of governance and administration.

Options Analysis

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Respectfully submitted,

Name: Karen McIsaac, Dipl. M.A.

Title: City Clerk

I concur with this report and recommendation

Name: Peter E.G. Leckie, B.A. (Hons.), LL.B.

Title: City Solicitor

Name: John Severino, P.Eng., MBA

Title: Chief Administrative Officer

Personnel designated for continuance:

Name: Karen McIsaac, Dipl. M.A.

Title: City Clerk