

COUNTY OF ELGIN

By-Law No. 24-44

**“BEING A BY-LAW TO APPOINT ADR CHAMBERS INC. AS THE INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER AND CLOSED MEETING INVESTIGATOR FOR THE CORPORATION OF COUNTY OF ELGIN AND TO REPEAL BY-LAW 22-43”**

WHEREAS Section 223.3 of the Municipal Act, 2001, SO 2002, C.25 as amended, authorizes a municipal council to appoint an Integrity Commissioner who is responsible for performing in an independent manner, functions related to the Code of Conduct of members of council and local boards; and,

WHEREAS Section 239.2 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, authorizes a municipality to appoint a Closed Meeting Investigator who has the function to investigate in an independent manner, a complaint made to him or her by any person, whether the municipality or a local board has complied with section 239 or a procedure by-law under subsection 238 (2) in respect of a meeting or part of a meeting that was closed to the public, and to report on the investigation; and,

WHEREAS such services shall be undertaken by an Integrity Commissioner and Closed Meeting Investigator appointed by the County, pursuant to Sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 223.3 and 239.2 of the Act; and

WHEREAS the County deems it advisable to appoint ADR Chambers Inc. as Integrity Commissioner and Closed Meeting Investigator to perform these services for a two-and-a-half-year term commencing on January 1, 2025, and ending on May 31, 2027; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Elgin hereby enacts as follows:

1. THAT ADR Chambers Inc. is hereby appointed as Integrity Commissioner and Closed Meeting Investigator for the Corporation of the County of Elgin to perform those functions set forth in Sections 223.3 through 223.6, and 239.1 (1-11) of the Municipal Act, 2001 including but unlimited to:

a) Advice as to the application of the code of conduct, the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, and any related procedures, rules, and policies governing the ethical behavior of members of council and local boards;

b) Conducting inquiries in respect of any requests alleging contravention of the Code of Conduct, the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act and/or any other procedures, rule or policy governing the ethical behavior of members of council and local boards;

c) Conducting inquiries in respect to the municipality or local boards' compliance with section 239 in respect of a meeting or part of a meeting that was closed to the public;

d) Reporting to council for the Corporation of the County of Elgin as to activities as Integrity Commissioner and Closed Meeting Investigator, including but not limited to reports as to the results of any inquiry into alleged contravention and/or an annual report of activities as Integrity Commissioner/Investigator; and,

e) Educating members of council, members of local boards, the municipality and the public about the municipality's code of conduct for members of council and members of local boards and about the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

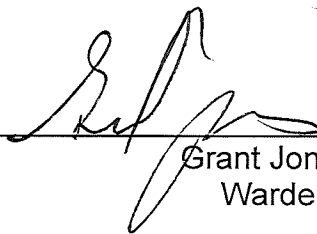
2. THAT this by-law shall come into force and take effect on January 1, 2025.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2024.



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Blaine Parkin,  
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk.



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Grant Jones  
Warden.