

In accordance with the Council Procedures for Ethics Commissioner Investigation Reports a summary of the investigation is made public after consideration of this item at the Closed Council meeting of April 12, 2021.

Summary re SECO 113

On March 4, 2021, the Ethics Commissioner submitted an Investigation Report to the City in accordance with section 73 of the *Council Code of Conduct Bylaw, 2020, No. 20020* (the “Code of Conduct”). This is a summary of the Commissioner’s Report to Mayor and Council.

The Complaint

On October 15, 2020, the Ethics Commissioner received a complaint from a Surrey resident and accepted it for formal review under section 66 of the Code of Conduct. The complaint alleged that Mayor McCallum had breached the Code of Conduct by:

- Failing to announce the names of those Council Members voting in the negative at the open meeting of Council on October 5, 2020 as is required by s. 40 of the City’s *Council Procedure Bylaw No. 15300* (the “Procedure Bylaw”).

Findings

In accordance with section 73 of the Code of Conduct, the Ethics Commissioner conducted an investigation.

Based on a review of the video of the October 5, 2020 meeting of Council, the Ethics Commissioner determined that Mayor McCallum had contravened s. 40 of the Procedure Bylaw by not announcing the negative votes on five items considered at the October 5, 2020 meeting of Council.

Resolution

Given the technical nature of this particular breach, the Ethics Commissioner invoked section 65(b) of the Code of Conduct, which allows the Ethics Commissioner to enter into an agreement with a Council Member for the purpose of determining a remedy. In cooperation with the City Clerk, Mayor McCallum agreed to satisfy the requirement in s. 40 of the Procedure Bylaw in future by having the City Clerk or Deputy City Clerk record negative votes and read those names aloud in open Council meetings.

Because the complaint was resolved in a satisfactory manner, the Ethics Commissioner made no recommendations.