



SUBJECT: Investigation report from Burlington Ombudsman

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Clerks Department

Report Number: CL-13-17

Wards Affected: All

File Numbers: 110-03

Date to Committee: May 1, 2017

Date to Council: May 15, 2017

Recommendation:

Receive and file clerks department report CL-13-17 providing an investigation report from ADR Chambers, Ombudsman for the City of Burlington.

Purpose:

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- Good Governance

The purpose of this report is to transmit an investigation report from ADR Chambers, Ombudsman for the City of Burlington.

Background and Discussion:

The *Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act* came into force on January 1, 2016. This legislation expanded the function of the provincial Ombudsman to include investigation of decisions or recommendations with respect to the administrative acts of a municipality. The *Municipal Act* allows a municipality to appoint an Ombudsman to have the same responsibility for conducting investigations with respect to these administrative acts of the municipality. ADR Chambers was appointed as Ombudsman for the City of Burlington effective January 1, 2016. As noted in the ADR Chambers annual report received by COW at the April 3 meeting, there was one active investigation for the City of Burlington. ADR Chambers has now submitted the report from this investigation. It is attached as Appendix A to this report.

The Director of Finance will be in attendance at the meeting if there are any questions related to the recommendation from ADR Chambers.

Financial Matters:

The administrative fee is \$1,000 per month. There may be additional charges related to an investigation. To date we have not received the invoice for this investigation.

Conclusion:

This report transmits an investigation report from ADR Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendices:

A. Investigation report from ADR Chambers

Report Approval:

All reports are reviewed and/or approved by Department Director, Director of Finance and Director of Legal. Final approval is by the City Manager.