

COUNTY OF OXFORD

BY-LAW NO. 6655-2024

BEING a By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between the County of Oxford and Aird & Berlis LLP for the provision of Municipal Accountability Officer Services - Integrity Commissioner and Closed Meeting Investigator in accordance with sections 233.3 and 239.2, of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001 c. 25, as amended, and repeals By-law No. 6498-2023.

WHEREAS, subsection 223.3(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* authorizes a municipality to appoint an Integrity Commissioner, who reports to council and who is responsible for performing in an independent manner the functions assigned by the municipality with respect to the matters set out therein.

AND WHEREAS, subsection 239.2(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* authorizes a municipality to appoint a Closed Meeting Investigator to investigate in an independent manner, on a complaint basis, whether the municipality or a local board has complied with section 239 or a procedure by-law under section 238 in respect of a meeting or part of a meeting that was closed to the public, and to report on the investigation.

AND WHEREAS, both parties are desirous of entering into an Agreement to engage the professional services of Aird Berlis LLP to exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned by the County of Oxford.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the County of Oxford enacts as follows:

1. That the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Corporate Services are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Municipal Accountability Officer Services Agreement with Aird & Berlis LLP.
2. That Aird & Berlis LLP is appointed as:
 - (a) Integrity Commissioner for the County of Oxford and is assigned all of the functions as set out in subsection 233.3(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* and such other functions as may be assigned from time to time by Council; and
 - (b) Closed Meeting Investigator for the County of Oxford and is assigned all of the powers and duties as set out in subsection 239.1(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
3. That By-law No. 6498-2023 be hereby repealed, effective September 14, 2024.
4. That the Agreement shall take effect and come into force upon passing and expire on December 31, 2026, unless the County of Oxford and Aird & Berlis LLP mutually agree to extend the term of the engagement for an additional period.

READ a first and second time this 11th day of September, 2024.

READ a third time and finally passed this 11th day of September, 2024.

MARCUS RYAN, WARDEN

LINDSEY A. MANSBRIDGE, DEPUTY CLERK