

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF EAST ZORRA-TAVISTOCK**

COUNTY OF OXFORD

BY-LAW #2024 – 40

BEING a By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock 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 #2023-01.

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 Township of East Zorra-Tavistock.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock enacts as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Clerk 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 Township of East Zorra-Tavistock 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 Township of East Zorra-Tavistock 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 That By-law #2023-01 be hereby repealed, effective October 20, 2024.
- 4. That the Agreement shall take effect and come into force on October 21, 2024 and expire on May 31, 2027, unless the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock and Aird & Berlis LLP mutually agree to extend the term of the engagement for an additional period.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024.

Phil Schaefer, Mayor

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Meaghan Vader, Clerk