



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee
From: Donna Bryce, County Clerk
Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017
Subject: 12-05-17 Bill 68 Modernizing Municipal Legislation Act Attach 1.docx

Background:

Mr. John Maddox, operating under the consulting firm JGM Consulting Inc., has been the County's Closed Meeting Investigator since 2014. JGM Consulting Inc. also provides closed meeting investigation services for six of our member municipalities - the Townships of Centre Wellington, Mapleton, Wellington North, Puslinch, and the Towns of Erin and Minto.

Section 239.2 of the Municipal Act, 2001 provides the authority to allow a municipality to appoint an investigator who has the function to investigate any closed meeting complaint in an independent manner.

As of December, 2017, Mr. Maddox is ceasing to operate under his consulting firm, however will continue to provide services as an independent contractor as John Maddox. As the party that the County has an existing agreement to contract services has changed, it is necessary to sign a new agreement.

Recommendation:

That Mr. John Maddox be appointed as the Closed Meeting Investigator for a one-year term commencing January, 2018; and

That a by-law be presented to County Council authorizing the Warden and Clerk to enter into an agreement; and

That By-law 5500-15 be repealed effective December 31, 2017; and

That the participating member municipalities be advised of the new agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donna Bryce'.

Donna Bryce
County Clerk