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Subject: Upcoming information bulletin: Vancouver appoints external reviewer for Code of Conduct By-law (October 11, 2024)

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below information bulletin on October 11 regarding the appointment of Reece Harding to conduct an independent review of the City's Code of Conduct By-law. Please keep this information bulletin embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account 11 am.

This information bulletin results from Council's decision to appoint Reece Harding as the reviewer and to publicly disclose the terms of reference for the review. The review will also focus on ensuring that the scope of the Integrity Commissioner's role under the by-law is clear.

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x'm k'y'm (Musqueam), S'wxwú7mesh (Squamish), and s'lilw'ta (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

**City of Vancouver
Information Bulletin
October 11, 2024**

Vancouver appoints external reviewer for Code of Conduct By-law

Vancouver City Council has appointed Reece Harding to conduct an independent third-party review of the City's Code of Conduct By-law.

The review aims to ensure the by-law is effective in providing oversight of the conduct of Council members and advisory board members, including ensuring that the scope of the Integrity Commissioner's role under the by-law is clear. The review will focus on several key areas including:

- Whether the scope of the Integrity Commissioner's role is sufficiently clear and does not overlap with other legislation or oversight bodies.
- The effectiveness of the by-law in setting out the rules for Council and advisory board members and the powers and procedures of the Integrity Commissioner in exercising oversight.
- The appropriateness of the by-law's scope and its alignment with best practices.
- The adequacy of the complaint processes and procedures under the by-law, including the potential need for an appeal process.
- Recommendations to address any identified concerns with the operation of the by-law.

Reece Harding is a respected senior lawyer with extensive experience in municipal law and the roles of Integrity Commissioners in British Columbia. His expertise will be invaluable in ensuring a thorough and objective review of the City's Code of Conduct By-law.

For more information, view the [Terms of Reference for Independent Review of Code of Conduct By-Law](#).