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# PEEL CHAIR FOUND NOT IN VIOLATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT

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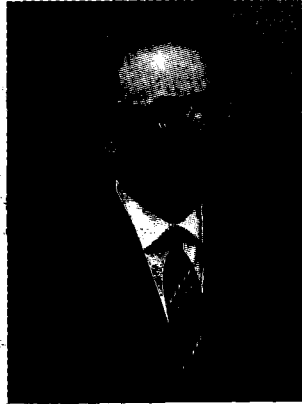
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Mississauga's integrity commissioner has found Peel's Regional Chair did not initiate a financial impact report of Peel's regional structure given to the province ahead of their regional reform decision, and is thus not in violation of the region's code of conduct.

Mississauga Coun. Carolyn Parrish filed a code of conduct complaint against Nando Iannicca in March, in which she alleged he facilitated a breach of Peel's procurement bylaw by authorizing the report - which cost an estimated \$325,000 - without the consent of regional council.

At an April 25 regional council meeting, Iannicca said he told senior staff to go ahead with a financial analysis upon learning of the province's regional review. However, Principles Integrity - hired by the city in 2017 - said while Iannicca was made aware of the report, prepared by Deloitte and Watson and As-



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An integrity commissioner's report has found Peel Regional Chair Nando Iannicca did not violate the region's code of conduct in encouraging a financial impact report commissioned by senior staff.

sociated, in January, it was initiated and retained by senior staff before his approval. In February, Iannicca and Peel's CAO met with advisers to the Ford government who had been undertaking a review of regional governance in Ontario.

A briefing note provided by Iannicca to the advisers stated regional govern-

ment structure should remain in place.

The Deloitte/Watson report was emailed to the advisers on March 27. A week earlier, the city of Mississauga passed a resolution that Mississauga should be a stand-alone, separated city.

According to Principles Integrity's report, regional councillors weren't aware of the report until March 28, and Deloitte was directed not to communicate with area municipalities.

The Region retained Ernst and Young for another financial analysis with full input from Brampton, Mississauga and Caledon, in April, which cost an estimated \$660,000.

Under the procurement bylaw, Peel's CFO has authority to source up to \$250,000 without council approval.

The Deloitte retainer was between \$225,000 and \$250,000, but retaining Watson and Associates raised the cost, according to Principles Integrity.

The integrity report will go before Peel Regional Council on Nov. 14.