

City appoints watchdog

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The City of Mississauga has a new integrity commissioner.

Robert J. Swayze will fill the position for the next five years, starting July 1. Over the summer, he'll be working with City staff to amend the Code of Conduct that governs the mayor and councillors.

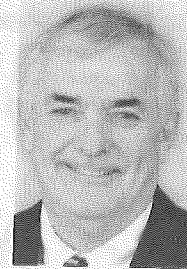
"Mr. Swayze possesses significant experience in the practice of municipal law, both in private practice and as previous city solicitor in two municipalities," said City solicitor Mary Ellen Bench. "He currently serves as integrity commissioner to a number of municipalities including Oakville, Guelph, Brantford, Port Hope and Carleton Place. He is certified by the Law Society of Upper Canada as a specialist in municipal law."

Swayze will act as an adviser to council-

lors on matters relating to ethics and the Code of Conduct. He'll also investigate complaints relating to councillors and the Code of Conduct.

He's been hired on a \$24,000 annual retainer that will cover the costs of all inquiries that do not require extensive research (less than one hour). He'll also be paid a \$1,500 block fee for providing half-day educational sessions and \$280-per-hour for any other services.

The City has budgeted \$100,000 a year for an integrity commissioner.



Robert J. Swayze