

Municipal Accountability at the Crossroads: Harassment, Human Rights, and Municipal Codes of Conduct

In a Municipal Election Year, many have looked back on the last 4 years with concerns for the future of accountability in local government. It's been 4 years since the Collingwood Judicial Inquiry began and 3 since Associate Justice Marrocco tabled the 2020 Transparency and the Public Trust: Report of the Collingwood Judicial Inquiry. Since then, municipal councils have been shaken by Harassment Code inquiries in Ottawa, Brampton, and many more. With the Province focused on creating a stronger Mayoral model of local government, will Codes of Conduct and Integrity Commissioners still be able to ensure local politicians are held accountable for their actions?

Tuesday October 25, 2022, from 11:30 – 1:30 pm EST via Zoom

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