

Report of the Integrity Commissioner
To the Township of Nipigon Council

Regarding Allegations Against (former) Councillor Andrew St. Jean
Made by Brian Perala

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Township of Nipigon
May 10, 2023

BACKGROUND

A complaint was originally submitted on August 17, 2022, by Mr. Brian Perala, resident of the Township of Nipigon, against (then) Councillor Andrew St. Jean. The allegation in the complaint was that Councillor St. Jean had violated Sections 5, 5.1 and/or 5.2 of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act (R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, as amended), referred to in this Report as the MCIA. The details of the complaint are outlined in its “Appendix A”. (The complaint document is not appended to this Report, but copies can be obtained from the Township if required.)

The complaint document indicates that the complainant has agreed to the release of his name as such. He also represents other Nipigon residents who are all in the restaurant business, either as building owners or investors or restaurateurs.

The sections of the MCIA referenced in the complaint are reproduced in Appendix One to this Report for ease of reference.

Because the complaint was submitted during the 2022 municipal election process, legislation prohibits investigation [Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, Paragraph 223.4.1(3)]. Mr. Perala was so advised by Integrity Commissioner Matson.

Mr. Perala re-submitted the complaint on November 29th, 2022, after the election had concluded.

The complaint document states that:

- Councillor St. Jean was “granted an untendered contract”
- Councillor St. Jean is “receiving profits in a Municipality subsidized facility”
- The Township’s grant applications were misleading as the “funding was granted for ventilation upgrades and for non-commercial usage”.

The complaint claims the following, without specifics:

- Conflict of interest
- Breach of the Municipal Act
- Unfair business practices
- “Potential” breach of Nipigon by-laws

This report is presented as a result of the Integrity Commissioner’s investigation into the complaint.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK/JURISDICTION

Rosalie Evans has been appointed as an Integrity Commissioner for the Township of Nipigon. As such, under the authority of Section 223.4.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001 (S.O. 2001, c. 25, as

amended), she has authority to investigate and report to Council on allegations of violations of the MCI.A.

This complaint could have been summarily dismissed as “frivolous”, given that the respondent is no longer a member of the Nipigon Township Council, and, as such, there are no sanctions that can be recommended for any improper behaviour (if found to have occurred). Because the complainant persisted with his complaint, despite the Respondent’s departure from the Council, and because he indicated (both in the written complaint, and in requests for deputations with Council) that he represented other interested parties in the community, a decision was made to complete the investigation and report.

The jurisdiction of the Integrity Commissioner is to investigate complaints relating to:

- a) Breaches of the Council Code of Conduct by council members;
- b) Breaches of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act by council members; and
- c) Breaches of the provisions of the Municipal Act relating to improperly undertaking meetings in closed session.

The only complaint within the submitted complaint document that falls within the Integrity Commissioner’s jurisdiction is that of an alleged violation of the MCI.A.

COMPLAINT

On the complaint form, the allegations under Sections 5, 5.1 and 5.2 of the MCI.A are circled. The detailed complaint is on “Appendix ‘A’” to the complaint form.

In the detailed complaint, there are (unspecified) allegations of “breach of the municipal act” and “unfair business practices” and “potential breach of Nipigon by-laws”. These are not within the purview of the Integrity Commissioner.

Appendix “A” details as follows:

- The complainant (and other un-named persons) was denied meetings with the Council
- (As of the original complaint date, August 17, 2022) Councillor St. Jean was awarded an “untendered” contract and is “receiving profits in a Municipality subsidized facility”.
- Councillor St. Jean “promoted his employees and customers via social media on the 19th July 2022 to attend the meeting to have influence further inciting his conflict of interest”
- Councillor St. Jean and the Nipigon Township are in a conflict of interest by operating the Nipigon Community Concession stand in the capacity of a commercial restaurant “for profit for himself”
- Concession stand operations take place outside of Nipigon community event hours and/or arena operation hours.

The complaint stipulates that “further documentation” is available, and some has “not yet been received”.

PROCESS

The Integrity Commissioner was engaged for this matter on December 5, 2022. She requested and received from Nipigon CAO, Mr. Kelly Paakkunainen, relevant documents for review. She reviewed same, and asked questions and requested further documents, and had a telephone “meeting” with Mr. Paakkunainen relating to clarifications to the documentation.

Because the respondent is no longer a member of the Nipigon Township Council, and because the documentation relating to his participation in meetings associated with the matter was clear, the Integrity Commissioner did not interview Mr. St. Jean as part of the investigation.

A number of scheduling conflicts prevented the Integrity Commissioner from interviewing the complainant until May 5, 2023, despite several attempts at arranging the interview.

The Integrity Commissioner concluded that no further follow up was required with the Township or the Respondent after the interview with the complainant.

EVIDENCE

Document Review/Discussion with CAO:

Appendix Two to this report is a chronology of events based on documents reviewed as evidence for the investigation, supplemented by information obtained in witness interviews.

Councillor St. Jean was not elected; rather, he was appointed to his office as a member of the council for the Township of Nipigon on July 14, 2020, after the resignation of Councillor Collins, who had been elected in the 2018 municipal election. Because of his appointment mid-term, Councillor St. Jean did not receive the same orientation training as other elected members of council had received after the election. He did receive some training through a meeting with the Township’s CAO, Mr. Kelly Paakkunainen. The MCI was among topics reviewed at the meeting.

Prior to the onset of the COVID 19 Pandemic (in mid-March of 2020), Mr. St. Jean (not then a member of the Nipigon Council), who also operated a local restaurant called “Andy’s Eats” and/or “Crabby Andy’s”, operated the concession stand at the Nipigon Township Arena. The concession stand operation (and the arena operation) both shut down in March, 2020, due to the Pandemic. There was mutual agreement between Mr. St. Jean and the Township that the contract for concession stand operations had been “frustrated” by operation of law, due to the onset of the Pandemic. This means the contract is terminated “without fault”.

The Township was able to obtain some funding from senior orders of government to undertake renovations at the Arena, including renovations to the concession stand area. This work was successfully undertaken during the lockdown period. Some of this work involved improvements

to the ventilation system for the concession stand, which would allow for more robust restaurant operations there.

On May 1, 2022, nominations opened for seats for municipal council seats across Ontario, for the election, to be held that October.

As Pandemic restrictions eased, Nipigon began to once again allow use of its municipal arena. At this point in time, there was no Township operator of the concession stand. On or about May 13-14, 2022, the Arena was used by an independent third party organization for a hockey event. That independent third party had approached Councillor St. Jean, the former concession stand operator, to operate the concession stand for their event. Councillor St. Jean did so.

Subsequently, Councillor St. Jean sent an email to the Township's Recreation Committee, dated May 16th, 2022, proposing to operate the concession stand for a one-year term. Council considered this request at its regular meeting on May 31st, 2022. Councillor St. Jean submitted a written declaration of pecuniary interest under the MCI A with respect to this matter, and did not participate in the debate or voting at the Council meeting.

The Township offered Councillor St. Jean a four-month contract to operate the concession stand, with the intention that, during that time frame, a public procurement process would be undertaken to solicit interest from the general public for longer term operations. An agreement to this effect was signed on June 2, 2022.

It is noted that the Purchasing Policy ("Administrative Procedure No. 2004-01", most recently amended in April of 2020), allows for short term sole-sourcing pending public procurement processes.

At the Council meeting of June 21, 2022, the complainant made a deputation to Council providing the Council with his concerns about the concession stand operations. Councillor St. Jean submitted a declaration of pecuniary interest under the MCI A with respect to the deputation, as well as two other related matters on the agenda that evening. He did not participate in the debate or voting on these items.

A scheduled deputation to the Council meeting of July 19th, 2022, by the complainant, together with others, was withdrawn. Councillor St. Jean had made a written declaration of pecuniary interest in anticipation of the deputation.

On August 17th, 2022, the complainant filed his written complaint, alleging violations of the MCI A by Councillor St. Jean. On August 18, 2022, Mr. Darrell Matson, Integrity Commissioner for the Township of Nipigon, advised the complainant, via email, that no investigations can occur during the election period, but that he could re-submit his complaint within six weeks after election day.

On August 19th, 2022, nominations for elections to municipal council for the October, 2022 elections closed. Councillor St. Jean did not seek a council seat for the following term.

On August 29th, 2022, a tender document was posted, seeking proposals for concession stand operations, and requiring responses by September 9th. The document was published on Facebook, on the Township's website, and in the local newspaper ("Gazette"). There were no submissions as a result of the posting of the tender document.

The Recreation Committee made recommendations to Council, which were accepted, that certain requirements for bidders be deleted. Councillor St. Jean submitted a declaration of pecuniary interest under the MCI A with respect to the Council discussions on this matter. He did not participate in the debate or voting on the item.

The public procurement process for operations of the concession stand re-commenced on September 14, 2022, with responses required by September 23rd, 2022. The document was again published on Facebook, on the Township's website, and in the local newspaper ("Gazette"). This time, the Township received two responses. One was from the Respondent, and one was from another party.

The invitation document relating to the public procurement document provides, among other things, the following:

- The award will be for "exclusive right and privilege to the concession operator...to operate the canteen concession for a defined term at the Nipigon Community Centre..."
- "The Township will supply the equipment currently at this facility as of October 1st, 2022 to March 31st, 2023, a 6 month period."
- There were provisions indicating nut-free options and healthy food options would be appreciated.
- The Township provides: waste and garbage removal (for waste placed in dumpsters), electric power, gas, water, internet and heat. Telephones are the operator's responsibility.
- There were requirements for certain standards and licensing to be in place, as well as experience in such operations
- "It is expected that the canteen hours will coincide with the hours of operation of Nipigon Community Centre. At the very minimum, the canteen will open when the Nipigon Community Centre hosts Minor Hockey practices, games, tournaments and special events"
- The successful proponent must provide liability insurance naming the Township as additional insured, and would be expected to sign an agreement with the Township stipulating conditions for operation.
- The Township does not guarantee revenue.

The document contemplated a six month term.

Proponents were required to specify what they would pay to the Township.

Staff provided information relating to the two proposals to the Recreation Committee at its meeting of September 26th. The Respondent did not attend the meeting nor participate in it.

The Recreation Committee recommended to Council that it accept the Respondent's proposal for operation of the Concession Stand for a three year period.

Council considered the Recreation Committee's recommendation at its meeting on September 29, 2022. Councillor St. Jean submitted a declaration of pecuniary interest under the MCI A with respect to the matter. He did not participate in the debate or voting on the item. Council awarded the contract in accordance with the Recreation Committee's recommendation.

The municipal election took place on October 24th, 2022.

Mr. Perala re-submitted his complaint on November 29, 2022.

Interview with Complainant:

The Integrity Commissioner sent to Mr. Perala a list of questions relating to the complaint document, seeking particulars relating to the MCI A allegations. During the interview, it became apparent that Mr. Perala had concerns about the "optics" relating to (then) Councillor St. Jean having become the concession stand operator. He could not, however, point to any council meeting where the provisions of the MCI A had not been followed by the (then) Council member.

It became clear during the interview that the primary concern of the complainant was not the Respondent's actions, but, rather, a more general concern that municipal governments should not be in "business" in competition (particularly subsidized competition) with the private sector.

His concern became exacerbated because of the significant costs that had to be absorbed by commercial restaurant operators while (then) Councillor St. Jean was able to "walk away" from all of his (pre-pandemic) concession stand operation obligations (after the first COVID lockdown in March, 2020), without financial penalty. [At some unspecified point prior to the pandemic, (then) Councillor St. Jean had apparently closed and/or sold his restaurant "Andy's Eats" which was operated from a location on the Trans-Canada Highway, and only had restaurant earnings from the pre-pandemic concession stand operations and/or some operations in the Curling Club nearby.]

While the matter of government-in-competition-with-the-private-sector is not within the scope of an Integrity Commissioner's jurisdiction, some comments regarding that issue are included in this Report, in deference to the complainant's concerns, and his efforts to have Council consider them.

The nexus of the complainant's issue is that the operation of the "concession stand" or "canteen" at the Nipigon arena is not limited to times when the arena was in use by the general public for things such as hockey or similar events. Rather, the operation is undertaken as a "regular" restaurant operation, with both eat-in and take-out options available when nothing else is going on at the arena. Mr. Perala considers this unfair competition with private restaurant operators, who have operational costs (such as higher rents, requirements to pay for utilities, mortgages, upgrades, inspections, property maintenance, taxes, etc.) that the concession stand operator does not bear. If the concession stand was operated solely at times when the arena was occupied with some publicly-attended function, Mr. Perala, and the others he represents, would not have these concerns.

Mr. Perala also alleged that the Township may have obtained the grant funding for its arena renovations under false pretenses, as the grant application document (not reviewed by the Integrity Commissioner) had a check-mark in a box indicating that the operations for which the grant was sought were "non commercial". Notwithstanding that the concession operations were, in essence, commercial operations for the operator – for the Municipality itself, the operations were intended for time periods when the arena was occupied by the public for public recreational events. Whether or not the Township's grant application was accurate is not something within the Integrity Commissioner's jurisdiction to investigate.

ANALYSIS & FINDINGS

Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

(Then) Councillor St. Jean's first post-pandemic (May 2022) operation of the Arena Concession Stand was arranged by an independent third party, under its agreement with the Township Council. His operation of the canteen at that time did not involve any council decisions and the MCIA was not triggered.

The evidence shows that the Respondent, (then) Councillor St. Jean, properly declared pecuniary interests, and did not participate in discussion, debate or voting, every time a matter related to the operation of the canteen was presented to Council for consideration.

The Complainant alleges, in the complaint document, that (then) Councillor St. Jean worked "behind the scenes" to seek out support for his continued operation of the concession stand, however, no evidence was proffered to substantiate that allegation. Further, even if that allegation had been substantiated, unless such "behind the scenes" activity related directly to the other members of the Township Council, it does not violate the MCIA. A council member is not prohibited from doing business with the Township, nor from promoting that business, provided the MCIA is complied with.

In addition to a prohibition against lobbying councillors "behind the scenes", the MCIA prohibits members of council from the "use of their office" to promote a private interest. No evidence

was provided that Councillor St. Jean used his position as a Township council member to promote his restaurant and/or concession stand operation businesses.

It is concluded that there was no evidence of violation of the MCI Act by (then) Councillor St. Jean.

The Complainant's Broader Concern: Government Competition with Private Sector Business

As noted, the underlying theme relating to this complaint was the complainant's view that municipal government should not compete with the private sector. The complainant's perception was that the Respondent received an "unfair" competitive advantage over other restaurateurs in Nipigon, by being permitted to operate the Arena concession, with far fewer overhead costs than private restaurateurs, particularly at times when the Arena was not operating for a public event.

This complaint is not within the Integrity Commissioner's jurisdiction. Some general comments, however, are offered for the Township Council's consideration.

Quite properly, the invitation to operate the concession was offered to the general public. Accordingly, any business in the private sector was able to participate in the public procurement process. It is acknowledged that the public offering took place only after a limited time contract was offered to the Respondent. That process, however, was clearly authorized by Nipigon's purchasing policy. Further, in all of the circumstances, it was understandable – the arena was opening after the COVID-19 lockdown, in uncertain times. It made sense for the Township to secure concession operations for a short term while offering a public bidding process.

Only two businesses responded to the tender, one of which was successful, and it was (then) Councillor St. Jean's proposal. It is possible that the limited number of respondents to the procurement process was also influenced by the still-ongoing pandemic. Many restaurant operators had incurred significant losses, and the situation was still precarious.

It is up to the Township Council to determine how to run its operations, including its concession/canteen operations, subject to applicable laws, of course. If the Township determines that the best way to ensure concession operations during Arena functions is to allow those operations to take place outside of Arena operational hours; that is the Township's decision to make. There is no law or rule of ethics that prevents this. The procurement document required operations during arena events, but did not prohibit operations outside of those events.

The Township could have specified that the concession operator would need to contribute to some of the overhead costs that the Township absorbed, but again, there is no law that would require this.

Many municipalities across Ontario "compete" with the private sector – either directly or through sub-contractors in the private sector - and people can argue that this is "unfair",

however, it occurs, and it occurs within the parameters of Ontario law. Some examples of municipally-run “businesses” allegedly in “competition” with the private sector (whether unfairly or fairly) include: golf courses, mini-golf courses, fitness classes, day nurseries, summer camps, courses (woodworking, crafts, arts, etc.) for seniors or others, concession/canteen operations, airports, nursing homes (although some are mandated to be operated by municipalities), child day care programs, adult day care programs, equipment rentals, event hosting facilities, swimming pools, and marinas. In some cases, if the municipality did not provide the service, no other private entity would (i.e., swimming pools) due to operational costs and constraints. It could be, particularly in small municipalities, that there is no private sector operator in a particular area of service, so the municipality steps up. In other cases, the municipality may be trying to make some money to offset other operational costs. Senior orders of government encourage municipalities to “think outside the box” to come up with revenue streams other than taxation. Accordingly, such practices are likely to continue.

While people might agree or disagree that such “competition” is appropriate, it is not illegal or unethical under any current Ontario or Federal law.

CONCLUSION

The complaint against (former) Councillor Andrew St. Jean for violation of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act is not substantiated.

Respectfully Submitted



Rosalie A. Evans

Appendix One: Relevant Excerpts from the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

Appendix Two: Chronology of Events

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When present at meeting at which matter considered

5 (1) Where a member, either on his or her own behalf or while acting for, by, with or through another, has any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in any matter and is present at a meeting of the council or local board at which the matter is the subject of consideration, the member,

- (a) shall, prior to any consideration of the matter at the meeting, disclose the interest and the general nature thereof;
- (b) shall not take part in the discussion of, or vote on any question in respect of the matter; and
- (c) shall not attempt in any way whether before, during or after the meeting to influence the voting on any such question.

Where member to leave closed meeting

(2) Where the meeting referred to in subsection (1) is not open to the public, in addition to complying with the requirements of that subsection, the member shall forthwith leave the meeting or the part of the meeting during which the matter is under consideration.

Exception, consideration of penalty

(2.1) The following rules apply if the matter under consideration at a meeting or a part of a meeting is to consider whether to suspend the remuneration paid to the member under subsection 223.4 (5) or (6) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* or under subsection 160 (5) or (6) of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*:

1. Despite clauses (1) (b) and (c), the member may take part in the discussion of the matter, including making submissions to council or the local board, as the case may be, and may attempt to influence the voting on any question in respect of the matter, whether before, during or after the meeting. However, the member is not permitted to vote on any question in respect of the matter.
2. Despite subsection (2), in the case of a meeting that is not open to the public, the member may attend the meeting or part of the meeting during which the matter is under consideration.

When absent from meeting at which matter considered

(3) Where the interest of a member has not been disclosed as required by subsection (1) by reason of the member's absence from the meeting referred to therein, the member shall disclose the interest and otherwise comply with subsection (1) at the first meeting of the council or local board, as the case may be, attended by the member after the meeting referred to in subsection (1).

Written statement re disclosure

5.1 At a meeting at which a member discloses an interest under section 5, or as soon as possible afterwards, the member shall file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the clerk of the municipality or the secretary of the committee or local board, as the case may be.

Influence

5.2 (1) Where a member, either on his or her own behalf or while acting for, by, with or through another, has any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in any matter that is being considered by an officer or employee of the municipality or local board, or by a person or body to which the municipality or local board has delegated a power or duty, the member shall not

use his or her office in any way to attempt to influence any decision or recommendation that results from consideration of the matter.

Exception

(2) However, if a municipality delegates a power to suspend the remuneration paid to a member under subsection 223.4 (5) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* or subsection 160 (5) of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* to a person or body, and the person or body is considering exercising that power with respect to a member, subsection (1) of this section does not prevent the member from attempting to influence any decision or recommendation of the person or body that results from consideration of the matter.

APPENDIX TWO: Chronology of Events Based on Document Review and Interviews

Date	Event/Document
3-13-2020	COVID 19 Pandemic announced; lock-downs ordered by senior orders of government; restaurants (among other businesses) must close. Nipigon's concession stand (then operated by Mr. Andrew St. Jean) and arena are included in the lock-down.
3-19-2020	"Purchasing Policy" revision date
April, 2020	"Administrative Procedure No. 2004-01" revision date (This details administrative procedures under the purchasing policy noted above)
7-14-2020	Date of Councillor St. Jean's appointment to Nipigon Township Council.
March 2020- May 2022	COVID 19 Pandemic continues: various orders relating to lock-downs and isolation requirements as well as cleaning/sanitizing requirements issued. Nipigon arena and concession stand remain closed.
5-1-2022	Nomination period begins for 2022 election
5-16-2022	Email received by Nipigon staff, to be directed to the Recreation Committee, from Councillor St. Jean with a formal proposal to operate for one year – 7 days per week "within the regular scheduled Community Centre hours". No pricing included. Email states: I would not only be a canteen operator but also will make myself available to the public by putting on other events with the kids and the public through the Crabby's brand like I had done previously over the 3 years when I operated in there."
5-31-2022	Council meeting + Declaration of Interest from Councillor St. Jean. Councillor St. Jean is awarded a 4 month contract (June 1 to September 30) at \$450/month (with total value of \$1800 to the Township)
6-2-2022	Rental agreement signed (Jun 1-Sept 30)
6-3-2022	Letter from Mr. Perala (complainant) and others to Township Council indicating concerns re operation of the concession stand
6-4-2022	Email from Mr. Perala to members of Council, the CAO (and others), with additional points for consideration (paraphrased): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor St. Jean was able to "abandon" concession operations without financial penalty when COVID hit; other restaurateurs had significant costs to absorb • Local business owners are concerned that Councillor St. Jean has an unfair operating advantage and is subsidized by the Township

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor St. Jean’s business is directly benefitting from a \$200,000.00 grant to the Township for concession improvements
6-13-2022	Recreation Committee meeting – indicates a tender will go out in July for October-April operations of the concessions seeking minimum rent of \$750/month. Submissions by September 16. Councillor St. Jean not in attendance.
6-21-2022	Council meeting + 3 Declarations of interest from Councillor St. Jean. Mr. Perala gave a deputation about his “concerns” regarding the operation of the concession.
6-22-2022	Email from Deputy Clerk advising complainant that his delegation request has been granted for the Council meeting on July 19 th (and further details)
7-14-2022	Email from CAO to Council advising that a petition has been received relating to concession operations
7-19-2022	Email at 8:51 a.m. from complainant to Deputy Clerk requesting “private meeting with Council” prior to scheduled deputation
	Email at 4:39 p.m. from complainant to withdraw deputation.
	Council meeting + Declaration of Interest from Councillor St. Jean. “Business owners of Nipigon” (including Mr. Perala) were scheduled to make a presentation, but minutes indicate it was withdrawn, and instead the proposed delegation requested a closed session meeting with Council. (Reasons are in the complaint). A petition in favour of Councillor St. Jean’s operation of the concession was received by Council.
	Mr. Perala contacts IC Matson by phone
7-20-2022	IC Matson sends Mr. Perala an email in response to their conversation, citing legislative authority for the inability of an IC to undertake investigations between the opening of nominations and the election day
7-22-2022	Email from CAO to complainant (copied to council) inviting a delegation at an open meeting.
8-17-2022	Mr. Perala submits his “Council Code of Conduct” complaint form.
8-18-2022	IC Matson responds in writing to Mr. Perala explaining, again, it cannot be investigated. Advises he can re-submit within 6 weeks of election day.
	IC Matson letter to CAO (via email) to advise of inability to investigate the complaint due to legislative restrictions.
8-19-2022	Nominations for 2022 election close. Councillor St. Jean does not seek a Council seat for the upcoming term.
8-29-2022	Tender for concession operations (Oct 1, 2022-Sept 30, 2023) published on Facebook (dates of publication on website and date of

	publication in Gazette unknown, but circa the same date). Submissions due on September 9, 2022
9-12-2022	Recreation Committee meeting – minutes indicate no responses received to tender. Committee recommends that Council remove requirements for criminal reference checks from the standard tender package.
9-13-2022	Council meeting +Declaration of Interest from Councillor St. Jean. Council approves recommendation from Recreation Committee
9-14-2022	Tender for concession operations re-issued. This one closes on September 23 rd .
9-26-2022	Recreation Committee Meeting. Minutes indicate 2 proposals submitted and details were provided to committee members. One was for 6 months only for \$1,000/month (total contract value \$6,000). The other (St. Jean’s) was for 3 years (12 month operations) with increasing monthly payments annually (total contract value \$16,380) Committee recommends St. Jean’s proposal to Council. St. Jean’s proposal stipulates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-year term • 12 months/year operations “during scheduled community centre business hours” • Year one: \$600/mo; Year two: \$650/mo; Year three: \$700/mo. • Liability insurance & WSIB coverage supplied • “Current Crabby menu” with other healthier-choice offerings
9-29-2022	Council meeting + Declaration of Interest from St. Jean. Council awarded the contract as per the recommendation.
10-24-2022	Municipal Election Day
11-29-2022	Mr. Perala re-submits his complaint