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Integrity Commissioner Office
for the Town of Grimsby

July 20, 2020

Sent by email to: Councillor John Dunstall
jdunstall@grimsby.ca

and to: Councillor Reginald Freake
rfreake@gmail.com

Dear Sirs,

Re: Code of Conduct Complaint (Councillor Dunstall against Councillor Freake)
Complaint Reference Number: IC-196-0320

Councillor Dunstall alleges that Councillor Freake released confidential information from a closed meeting of Council on February 10, 2020. Councillor Dunstall relies on a newspaper article from News Now dated February 13, 2020, as the basis for the facts he alleges.

I have reviewed the complaint of Councillor Dunstall together with the newspaper article and I make the decision not to proceed further with this investigation. In the article, Councillor Dunstall refers to two public statutes. The mere reference to the public statutes does not constitute the release of confidential information that was the subject matter of the closed council meeting.

Councillor Dunstall conceded that the motion at the closed session, said more about what transpired in closed session than any comments made by any councilors in the media. The motion itself was made public in an open Council meeting.

Accordingly, I am dismissing this complaint.

Yours very truly,

Charles A. Harnick
Integrity Commissioner, Town of Grimsby