

To: Springwater Council - Bill French Delegation May 1, 2019 - Timeline of events from 2015 to 2019

June 24, 2015: McLean files application for Compliance Audit of French's election expenses. Mayor French automatically enters into a Conflict of Interest under the Conflict of Interest Act and any leadership for Council intervention reverts to Deputy Mayor Allen.

June 25 to October 23, 2015: Compliance Audit matter follows routine process.

October 23, 2015: Compliance Audit Committee rejects Grant Thornton Audit and starts process to appoint new auditor. First Opportunity for Township to intervene because of escalating costs. **

November 2015: French files application for Judicial Review of Compliance Audit Committee failure to make a decision and appointing a new auditor.

March 2016: French perfects Factum (arguments of case) and ready to proceed at Superior Court hearing expected in June or July, 2016.

July 2016: McLean files application for Judicial Review challenging Grant Thornton **

January 2017: Grant Thornton files motion to dismiss the McLean Judicial Review. French supports the Motion. McLean opposes the application. Compliance Audit Committee supports McLean's opposition to the motion.

January 2017: Justice Frances Kiteley rules in favour of Grant Thornton motion to dismiss and suggests all parties consider a less expensive resolution in a conference with Assistant Chief Justice Frank Marrocco. **

May 2017: Settlement conference with Justice Marrocco proposing an accelerated process. French and McLean accept proposal, but lacks consensus by all parties.

Dec 2017: French Judicial Review is held at Superior Court before a tribunal headed by Justice Ann Molloy.

January 2018: Justice Molloy rules French Judicial Review application is premature and dismisses case. **

Feb 2018: Compliance Audit Committee meets and French requests the Committee to terminate the process. Committee ignores request and proceeds with second audit by Froese.

May 2018: Compliance Audit Committee meets to accept Froese Report and decides to take legal action.

June 2018: Compliance Audit Committee appoints Tony Fleming as prosecutor.

August 2018: 10 Charges laid under the Municipal Elections Act.

November 2018: Legal Action commences in Provincial Offences Court.

**** Signifies opportunities where Township may have intervened because of uncontrolled costs**

April 17, 2019: After \$310,000+ of costs paid by Township, all charges against French are withdrawn by Prosecutor, in the interest of justice.