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Our File

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Hello

Richmond County - Allegation of Fraud / Breach of Trust

Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Commercial Crime Section in Nova Scotia received a complaint outlining allegations of fraud and breach of trust against council members in Richmond County.

The RCMP received a forensic audit completed by Grant Thornton, an Ombudsman report, a report completed by BoyneClarke LLP, and documents supplied by Yvonne Boudreau executive assistant for the municipality of the County of Richmond. These documents provided an extensive and thorough review of council spending policies and practices.

The RCMP conducted a careful examination of the file material, and consulted with a Crown attorney from the Public Prosecution Services of Canada. Based on this review, we believe the information provided does not meet the threshold of criminal behavior and the likelihood of obtaining a criminal conviction is extremely low. We have decided that based on the totality of the available information, a criminal investigation is not warranted in these circumstances.

Therefore, this letter is to inform you that the RCMP file into this matter has been closed and no further actions are anticipated.

Thank you for your patience during this file review.

Sincerely,

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