

Markham’s Current Accountability Officers

Accountability Officer	Roles & Responsibilities
Auditor General ▪ MNP LLP	To review and ensure the quality of stewardship over public funds and for the achievement of value for money in programs and services. The Auditor General’s work plan is determined annually by Council and can be added to or amended by a 2/3 vote of Council. After each audit is completed the Auditor General produces a report that outlines their findings and any recommendations for changes to the City’s programs or processes. The recommendations are not binding on the municipality. The Auditor General reports directly to Council through General Committee.
Closed Meeting Investigator ▪ Amberley Gavel Ltd.	If someone is of the view that a meeting was improperly closed to the public they can request a closed meeting investigation. The Closed Meeting Investigator conducts investigation into whether or not a meeting of Council has complied with the open meeting requirements found in Section 239 and in the City’s Procedural By-law. If the Investigator believes the request is valid they will conduct an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the meeting. This can include interviewing key staff and reviewing any minutes/recordings of meetings. Once the investigation is complete they will submit a final report, with recommendations, to General Committee and Council. The recommendations are not binding on the municipality. The Closed Meeting Investigator does not have the authority to impose penalties; their role is simply to make recommendations.
Integrity Commissioner ▪ ADR Chambers Inc.	To perform investigations into alleged breaches of the Council Code of Conduct and other procedures, rules and policies regarding the ethical behaviour of Members of Council and local boards. A member of the public or Councillor can request the Integrity Commissioner to conduct an investigation. If the Integrity Commissioner believes the request has merit they will conduct a full investigation. Once the investigation is complete the Integrity Commissioner will provide a final report to Council. The report is first presented at a closed session of General Committee and then presented at an open Council meeting. The Integrity Commissioner does not have the authority to impose penalties. They will recommend penalties as appropriate and it is up to Council to impose the penalties.