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Lawyer hired to investigate conduct complaint;

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The city has hired a prominent lawyer to investigate a code of conduct complaint against Coun. John Bradford by one of its employees.

The Expositor has learned that **George Rust-D'Eye**, a partner in the Toronto-based firm WeirFoulds LLP, has been retained as an outside integrity commissioner under the city's code of conduct protocol to investigate a complaint filed by Laurie Schunk, an administrative assistant in the city clerk's office, about her alleged treatment by Bradford.

In a statement filed with her complaint, obtained by The Expositor, Schunk alleges that Bradford conducted himself in a hostile manner toward her and her employment over a personal matter involving a family dispute.

None of the allegations has been proved.

Both Schunk and Bradford have declined to comment about the complaint.

Council has agreed to a policy that outside legal counsel be retained to handle this and other complaints against councillors.

City solicitor Larry Tansley, the designated integrity commissioner whose responsibility it is to carry out the policy, said Wednesday he could not comment on any aspect of the complaint.

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