

## TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD JUDICIAL INQUIRY

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1 --- Upon commencing at 10:04 a.m.

- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Before
- 4 we get started, let me just deal with this matter that
- 5 came up yesterday in terms of whether there was a --
- 6 whether certain testimony should be -- I think the
- 7 word that was used, 'expunged'.
- 8 Even if I have the jurisdiction to do
- 9 that, I'm disinclined to do it. It was in questions
- 10 that were asked, and the answers were marginally
- 11 connected to what we were doing.
- 12 Even -- I'm not basing it on the
- 13 failure to object in the moment, because no one would
- 14 know the questions were coming. I -- I think counsel
- 15 could object after the fact and still make the
- 16 objection, but I'm not prepared to exercise any
- 17 discretion I might have and expunge the testimony.
- 18 If there's an assertion that some kind
- 19 of privilege has been engaged, then I'll receive
- 20 written submissions on that question, and I'll respond
- 21 appropriately. And obviously, submissions on the
- 22 question should be circulated. If there's a problem
- 23 about the disclosure of something in the submissions
- 24 to the other parties, then if counsel can raise it
- 25 with me, and I'll give directions.

7 1 CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH, Previously Sworn 2 3 CONTINUED EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY MR. JOHN MATHER: 5 MR. JOHN MATHER: Good morning, again, Ms. Shuttleworth. 6 7 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Good morning. MR. JOHN MATHER: When we left off yesterday, we were discussing the provision of something that was being termed in-kind services. 10 11 from what I understand from your evidence is that one 12 (1) form of an in-kind service was when Collus Power 13 provided a service to the Town and did not receive any 14 compensation in return. 15 Do I have that right? 16 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Correct. 17 MR. JOHN MATHER: And so I take it, 18 then, this was a form of -- a -- a form of a benefit 19 to the Town who, prior to the Transaction, was the sole -- sole shareholder? 20 21 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Correct. 22 MR. JOHN MATHER: And then you were 23 explaining that after you became CFO, you started 24 building the Town directly wherever you could?

MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH:

Yes.

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- 1 MR. JOHN MATHER: As opportunity --
- 2 and I take it that's as opposed to the previous
- 3 practice of not charging the Town, and deeming that to
- 4 be a form of in-kind service?
- 5 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Correct.
- 6 MR. JOHN MATHER: So -- okay. And so
- 7 then you said that this was much more equitable and
- 8 fair once PowerStream became a partner in Collus.
- 9 What did you mean by that?
- 10 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: In order for
- 11 dividends to be fair, there needs to be net income
- 12 that's fair. And if certain benefits are being
- 13 provided to the Town, that means our expenses are
- 14 higher, and in turn, the other partner would be losing
- 15 out, as well as those expenses in that corporation.
- The tax implications of putting
- 17 expenses in Collus Power when it's really from a non-
- 18 taxable entity of the Town of Collingwood is also a
- 19 concern.
- 20 MR. JOHN MATHER: So I understand the
- 21 first component of your answer to -- to mean -- and
- 22 correct me if I'm wrong -- that if Collus is not
- 23 billing the Town for a service it's providing, that's
- 24 increasing Collus's expense to the benefit of only one
- 25 (1) of the two (2) shareholders?

- 1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: That's
- 2 correct.
- 3 MR. JOHN MATHER: My understanding is
- 4 you were involved in the transaction discussions and
- 5 negotiations that led to the share purchase agreement
- 6 and unanimous shareholders agreement being executed in
- 7 July 2012?
- 8 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No. I wasn't
- 9 really involved with anything to do with the RFP or
- 10 agreement.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: What was your
- 12 involvement in the Transaction component of the sale?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I provided
- 14 information to the data room for the various bidders
- 15 to look at, and then subsequent to PowerStream being
- 16 selected, I provided more information to the data room
- 17 as they tried to determine their -- the closing
- 18 issues.
- I secured a \$6.3 million loan with
- 20 Infrastructure Ontario, which is quite an extensive
- 21 amount of work to get that amount of money into the
- 22 Corporation in order for us to pay the
- 23 recapitalization dividend to the Town.
- 24 And I assisted KPMG with the
- 25 information required to calculate the recapitalization

- 1 dividend. And I did the financial statements for the
- 2 July 31st, 2012 stub period end, as well as the
- 3 December 31st, 2012, since we had two (2) year-ends
- 4 that year.
- 5 MR. JOHN MATHER: So it sounds like
- 6 you provided a form of financial support leading up to
- 7 the closing. Is that a fair summary?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 9 MR. JOHN MATHER: Do you know, as the
- 10 closing was approaching -- so after PowerStream
- 11 selected in -- formally selected in -- in January
- 12 2011, up till the closing in July -- sorry, January
- 13 2012, up to the closing in July 2012, if there was any
- 14 discussion between Collus and PowerStream about in-
- 15 kind services, and how they would be treated after the
- 16 closing?
- 17 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I don't
- 18 recall that, no.
- 19 MR. JOHN MATHER: Do you know if there
- 20 was -- are you aware of any discussion about whether
- 21 or not in-kind services would continue?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I don't
- 23 recall either.
- 24 MR. JOHN MATHER: What is your
- 25 collection of what was supposed to happen with the

- 1 shared services agreements prior to the closing date
- 2 of July 31st, 2012?
- 3 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I -- I
- 4 believe there was intention to have those completed
- 5 before July 31st, and that was not able to be done.
- 6 MR. JOHN MATHER: And what is your
- 7 understanding as to why those shared services
- 8 agreements weren't completed prior to July 31st, 2012?
- 9 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Because of
- 10 all the work involved in closing the actual
- 11 transaction.
- 12 MR. JOHN MATHER: So is that some of
- 13 the work you were already discussing in terms of
- 14 securing a loan from Infrastructure Ontario?
- 15 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 16 MR. JOHN MATHER: And preparing
- 17 financial statements?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 19 MR. JOHN MATHER: Is there any other
- 20 reasons that you're aware of that the shared services
- 21 agreements weren't complete prior to the closing?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Well, Tim
- 23 Fryer had been away for two (2) months or so around
- 24 the spring, so that made things a little bit even more
- 25 hectic.

- 1 MR. JOHN MATHER: And that's because
- 2 he was an individual who had knowledge of how the
- 3 shared services agreements operated?
- 4 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Correct.
- 5 MR. JOHN MATHER: Were you aware of
- 6 any discussions about extending the closing date
- 7 because the shared services agreements were not
- 8 complete?
- 9 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No.
- 10 MR. JOHN MATHER: Are you aware of any
- 11 discussions about whether or not Collus should hire a
- 12 consultant who could assist in sorting out the shared
- 13 services agreements before the closing date?
- 14 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No
- MR. JOHN MATHER: And it's my
- 16 understanding that a consultant was hired in late 2012
- 17 to assist with that sort of task. Is that fair?
- 18 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 19 MR. JOHN MATHER: Do you, in -- in the
- 20 role you had, did you have any understanding of why a
- 21 closing date of July 31st, 2012, was the date that was
- 22 selected?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I believe the
- 24 Share Purchase Agreement would have outlined how many
- 25 days between the time the OEB approved and we were

- 1 supposed to close.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: Okay. So that was -
- 3 do you know how it was determined what that period
- 4 of time would be between the OEB approval and closing
- 5 the transaction?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No.
- 7 MR. JOHN MATHER: If we could turn up
- 8 paragraph 621 of Foundation Document 1?
- 9 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Are
- 10 you leaving this?
- MR. JOHN MATHER: Yes.
- 12 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO:
- 13 Approximately how long do you think it would have
- 14 taken to deal with the shared services and -- and --
- 15 and properly apportion them?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I would say
- 17 with other duties involved, the better part of six (6)
- 18 or seven (7) months, to be able to be focused on that,
- 19 between dealing back and forth with lawyers and
- 20 revisions --
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 22 don't understand. Six (6) or seven (7) months if
- 23 you're doing other things or six (6) or seven (7)
- 24 months if you're not doing other things?
- 25 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: With regular

- 1 routine duties and no other significant projects, six
- 2 (6) or seven (7) months.
- 3 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: So in
- 4 order to finalize the issues around the shared
- 5 services agreement, you -- you would have required six
- 6 (6) or seven (7) months, and in addition -- and you
- 7 could have -- and you correct me if I'm wrong.
- 8 I'm just trying to understand what you
- 9 -- what the issue is. Six (6) or seven (7) months and
- 10 in that six (6) or seven (7) months the person doing
- 11 that would be doing their regular duties?
- 12 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: So if
- 14 the agreements were signed in January, June, or July--
- 15 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 16 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: --
- 17 would have been when you would have expected this to
- 18 be resolved?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 20 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank
- 21 you.
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- 23 CONTINUED BY MR. JOHN MATHER:
- 24 MR. JOHN MATHER: So Paragraph 621 of
- 25 Foundation Document 1.

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1	(BRIEF PAUSE)	
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3	MR. JOHN MATHER: So, Ms.	
4	Shuttleworth, I'm bringing you here to orient you in	
5	time a bit. So paragraph 621 talks about on March	
6	6th, 2012, Sandra Cooper and Ed Houghton, on behalf of	
7	the Town and the Collus entities, signed a letter	
8	confirming their intention that the Town of	
9	Collingwood continue to purchase services under the	
10	services agreements.	
11	And then if we scroll down to paragraph	
12	622, says:	
13	"Four (4) months later at the	
14	closing of the transaction, which	
15	was July 31st, 2012, PowerStream	
16	drafted a supplementary agreement	
17	which waived the obligation to	
18	finalize the shared services	
19	agreements. The supplementary	
20	agreement which was signed by the	
21	Sandra Cooper, Sara Almas, and Ed	
22	Houghton, stated that the services	
23	agreements will be reviewed and	
24	amended within twelve (12) months to	
25	comply with certain conditions, and	

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the conditions included,"
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                   And then there's a summary that we'll
   come back to, but right now I want to pull up the
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   agreement itself, ALE4352.
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                          (BRIEF PAUSE)
                   MR. JOHN MATHER: And if we could just
   do a quick scroll so Ms. Shuttleworth can see what's
   being referred to here. Keep going. Just want to get
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   a sense of the full letter. Keep going. So we'll
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   keep scrolling through, Ms. Shuttleworth, but my
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   question for you is whether or not you recall
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    reviewing this letter agreement on or around July
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   31st, 2012.
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                   MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH:
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   couldn't recall it. I did remember the letter from
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   March, but this one (1) was -- was not something I
   could recall.
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- 20 MR. JOHN MATHER: And I just -- just
- 21 to clarify the letter from March, I believe is the one
- 22 (1) that was spoken about. It's in the first
- 23 paragraph we looked at from Mayor Cooper, confirming
- 24 that the Town would continue to purchase services
- 25 under the shared services agreements?

- 1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I believe so,
- 2 but I -- if I saw it on the screen, I could confirm
- 3 that for certain.
- 4 MR. JOHN MATHER: Okay. We'll go back
- 5 to it and then we can check if we need to. I'm just
- 6 focusing on this letter. So did you become aware of
- 7 this letter once you became the CFO of the Collus
- 8 entities in fall of 2012?
- 9 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I honestly
- 10 can't exactly recall this letter.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: When do you -- do
- 12 you -- do recall at any point in time becoming aware
- 13 of this letter?
- 14 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: When we were
- 15 discussing it earlier this week, yes.
- 16 MR. JOHN MATHER: But in the context
- 17 of the judicial inquiry?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 19 MR. JOHN MATHER: So if we could go
- 20 back to paragraph 621 of Foundation Document 1. So
- 21 this describes a March 6th letter.
- Is that the letter you were speaking
- 23 about earlier?
- 24 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I believe so
- 25 but I can't see it on the screen.

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                  THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
   I guess you need to see --
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                  MR. JOHN MATHER: Yeah. We can --
                  THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: You
  would need to see the letter.
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  CONTINUED BY MR. JOHN MATHER:
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                  MR. JOHN MATHER: CPS6971.
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                         (BRIEF PAUSE)
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                  MR. JOHN MATHER: And if we can -- if
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13 -- one (1) second.
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                         (BRIEF PAUSE)
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                  MR. JOHN MATHER: Page 243, please.
18 Sorry, page 319.
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                         (BRIEF PAUSE)
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                  MR. JOHN MATHER: So if we could just
23 scroll through -- through this letter.
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                  MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes. This is
25 the letter that I can recall clearly that the Town of
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- 1 Collingwood had every intention to continue on with
- 2 the shared services.
- 3 MR. JOHN MATHER: Okay, thank you. So
- 4 if we could go back to paragraph 622 of the Foundation
- 5 Document.

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7 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 9 MR. JOHN MATHER: So this is -- this
- 10 paragraph summarizes the other letter we were looking
- 11 at, the July 31st, 2012, letter, and I have -- and as
- 12 we said that -- it stated that:
- "The shared services agreement will
- be reviewed and amended within
- twelve (12) months to comply with
- 16 certain conditions."
- 17 It's our understanding that the shared
- 18 services agreements were not amended within twelve
- 19 (12) months. Is that correct?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 21 MR. JOHN MATHER: Do you know why they
- 22 weren't amended within the 12-month period
- 23 contemplated here?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: We began with
- 25 a simple one (1), which was the computer lease, and

- 1 was able to update that one, and then John Brown came
- 2 into the picture and we were unable to reach any
- 3 negotiations on any matters, and it became halted.
- 4 MR. JOHN MATHER: Okay. And so I have
- 5 a couple of questions about the conditions that are
- 6 summarized here.
- 7 The first condition says that Collus
- 8 PowerStream would provide services to the Town of
- 9 Collingwood on a fully allocated basis, plus a return
- 10 on investment.
- Do you -- do you -- what -- do you
- 12 understand what is meant by fully allocated basis?
- 13 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: That the
- 14 costs would be done as they were now to either Water
- 15 or Power on a cost basis, but in this case it's also
- 16 indicating there would be some return on investment as
- 17 well.
- 18 MR. JOHN MATHER: And do you know
- 19 whether or not, after July 31st, 2012, Collus
- 20 Solutions, I take it, would be the -- the company that
- 21 was billing for this, whether they charged a return on
- 22 investment?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: There was no
- 24 return charged, as we were unable to ever get to a --
- 25 a new agreement.

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MR. JOHN MATHER: And I understand
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   from you yesterday that prior to the sales
   transaction, and it was your understanding that Collus
 3
   Solutions did not charge a return on investment in
   allocating its costs.
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                   MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: That's
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   correct.
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                   MR. JOHN MATHER: So if we can go to
   subparagraph (c). So this paragraph says that:
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                      "The shared services agreement would
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                      be reviewed annually so that the
                      costs of the services under the
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                      agreements could be revised. If the
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                      parties could not agree on a revised
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                      cost of services, the cost would
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                      increase by 3.5 percent of the
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                      previous year's costs."
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                   Do you know if prior to the transaction
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   the shared services agreements in place as between the
   Collus entities contemplated a specific percentage
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   annual increase in the costs?
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                   MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I don't
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   recall what was written in the agreement. But I know
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   that we were not applying any increase from year over
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year.

- 1 The only increase that would be
- 2 realized would be the general increase in a person's
- 3 wages, as those costs were allocated out to the two
- 4 (2) companies.
- 5 MR. JOHN MATHER: In -- in -- you
- 6 know, in your view, would a 3.5 percent increase from
- 7 year to year be high?
- 8 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: The inflation
- 9 factor in recent years has not been that high. So I
- 10 would assume that or speculate that a 3.5 percent
- 11 increase would be to encourage that -- that agreement
- 12 was finalized year over year. Otherwise, it would
- 13 just be a 3.5 percent applied.
- 14 MR. JOHN MATHER: So I -- I take it
- 15 from your answer that you're assuming that the purpose
- 16 of this 3.5 percent increase would be to incentivize
- 17 the parties to come to an agreement?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 19 MR. JOHN MATHER: Okay. Do you know
- 20 if after the --
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Just
- 22 one (1) second.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: Yes
- 24 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 25 don't quite understand. The costs would increase by

- 1 3.5 percent, I understand that. So why does that
- 2 incentivize both parties to come to an agreement?
- 3 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Likely if
- 4 they were doing an increase year over year, a large
- 5 consideration of it would be inflation. And since
- 6 inflation is usually much less than 3.5 percent, that
- 7 would drive or encourage both parties to come to an
- 8 agreement before that happened.
- 9 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: But
- 10 both parties, one (1) is Collus PowerStream and the
- 11 other is the Town?
- 12 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: And
- 14 the costs that they're trying to apportion increased
- 15 by 3.5 percent?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 17 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: But
- 18 how does that incentivize the -- I appreciate it
- 19 increases the number by lower than inflation, but how
- 20 does that incentivize both of them --
- 21 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Well --
- 22 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: -- to
- 23 avoid that happening?
- 24 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: It would be
- 25 more incentive for the Town or water to come to an

- 1 agreement --
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Right.
- 3 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: -- because
- 4 the percentage would likely be less than 3.5 if they
- 5 could come to that agreement.
- 6 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: So it
- 7 -- it really prejudices or works to the disadvantage
- 8 of the Town, rather than Collus PowerStream, am I
- 9 correct in that or not?
- 10 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes, I would
- 11 think that they -- they would be better off to come to
- 12 an agreement at less than the 3.5.
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: So is
- 14 this going to be one-sided in that sense?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No, I think
- 16 it's normal to have something like that in there, but
- 17 again, I'm speculating as to the reason why it's 3.5
- 18 since I wouldn't have been involved in a discussion
- 19 for that term.
- 20 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: But
- 21 not speculating as to the normalcy of having a term
- 22 like this?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
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- 25 CONTINUED BY MR. JOHN MATHER:

- 1 MR. JOHN MATHER: After July 31st,
- 2 2012, do you know if this -- the 3.5 percent increase
- 3 that is contemplated by this section was ever applied
- 4 given that there was no agreement on the shared
- 5 services?
- 6 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: It was
- 7 definitely not.
- 8 MR. JOHN MATHER: And is that, again,
- 9 because of the difficulties with -- with the Town that
- 10 you've described?
- 11 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Correct.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: Can we pull up
- 13 CBB154? So the document that's on the screen we
- 14 understand to be one (1) of the audit papers from the
- 15 Collus auditor, Gavillers, and it's talking about
- 16 certain bonuses for 2012.
- 17 They -- the paper indicates that Mr.
- 18 Houghton, yourself, and Ms. Hogg were paid bonuses of
- 19 40,000 for Mr. Houghton, 15,000 for yourself, and
- 20 15,000 for Ms. Hogg.
- 21 We understand that those bonuses were
- 22 paid in 2012, is that correct?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: That's
- 24 correct.
- 25 MR. JOHN MATHER: So if we scroll

- 1 down, the audit paper also indicates that certain
- 2 members of the Board received bonuses, Mr. Muncaster
- 3 in the amount of 30,000, Mr. McFadden in the amount of
- 4 15,000, Mr. Garbutt and Ms. Pajunen in the amount of
- 5 7,500.
- 6 Do you know if these bonuses that are
- 7 reflected here were paid?
- 8 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Dean
- 9 Muncaster was paid 30,000.
- 10 MR. JOHN MATHER: What about Mr.
- 11 McFadden, Mr. Garbutt, and Ms. Pajunen?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No.
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: So the
- 14 reference there to bonuses being paid to the three (3)
- 15 of them, that's anticipatory, perhaps, but in the end,
- 16 not correct?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I had no
- 18 knowledge of any bonuses coming to finance department
- 19 for approval, other than Dean Muncaster for the --
- 20 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: And --
- 21 and if the bonuses had been paid, you would have
- 22 expected to see them?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 24
- 25 CONTINUED BY MR. JOHN MATHER:

- 1 MR. JOHN MATHER: Would the auditor
- 2 have provided you a copy of their audit papers for the
- 3 2012 year?
- 4 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No.
- 5 MR. JOHN MATHER: Can we go to
- 6 paragraph 663 of the Foundation document?
- 7 So this says:
- 8 "In addition to the bonuses paid
- 9 relating to the share purchase
- 10 agreement, Collus Power made
- payments in 2011 to members of the
- 12 Board and the strategic partnership
- 13 task team under account 631000-0
- 'Extraordinary Deductions'."
- Were these amounts paid, to your
- 16 knowledge?
- 17 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I believe
- 18 these are payments for attending meetings for the
- 19 strategic partnership task team.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: Do you know why
- 21 they're called an "extraordinary deduction"?
- 22 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I allocated
- 23 stuff to that particular general ledger account until
- 24 we figured out what to do with it. The title of it
- 25 has no -- no context to what was actually put there.

1 MR. JOHN MATHER: And do you know what

- 2 they -- these members of the Board were being -- and
- 3 members of the strategic task team were being paid
- 4 for, specifically?
- 5 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Meeting
- 6 attendance.
- 7 MR. JOHN MATHER: Anything else?
- 8 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No.
- 9 MR. JOHN MATHER: Just to have one (1)
- 10 final area that I'd like to ask you questions about.
- 11 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I have
- 12 a question. These were paid?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 14 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Okay,
- 15 thank you.
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- 17 CONTINUED BY MR. JOHN MATHER:
- MR. JOHN MATHER: So, if we could go
- 19 to Exhibit A of your affidavit, which is AFF2. If we
- 20 could scroll to Exhibit A.
- 21 So Exhibit A to your affidavit is an e-
- 22 mail chain between yourself and a person whose name
- 23 has been redacted, and the e-mail chain is about
- 24 Collus possibly seeking to -- to find a new auditor
- 25 and you were discussing with this individual the

- 1 potential for -- for them to take on that possibility.
- Is that a fair characterization?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 4 MR. JOHN MATHER: So if we could go to
- 5 the e-mail from March 26th at 10:43 PM. So scroll
- 6 down. Yes, stop right there.
- 7 So, this is an e-mail from you to the
- 8 individual and I'm looking at the third line that
- 9 starts "I think a meeting with Ed is a great idea...",
- 10 do you see that?
- 11 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: And after that
- 13 sentence it says:
- 14 "It is possible PowerStream may
- 15 suggest their auditors, but for the
- most part they aren't expected to
- 17 have much involvement in the first
- 18 two (2) years."
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: What did you mean
- 21 by:
- 22 "PowerStream is not expected to have
- 23 much involvement in the first two
- 24 (2) years."
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: In the email

- 1 prior to this, the accountant suggested that it would
- 2 be likely or routine that PowerStream may suggest
- 3 their own auditors for the engagement.
- 4 So, I took that to mean she was
- 5 concerned about putting the work into an RFP or a
- 6 quote, and then finding that it was another
- 7 recommendation for a dif -- different auditor. So I'm
- 8 just trying to give her a level of comfort that I
- 9 wasn't expecting PowerStream to do that.
- 10 MR. JOHN MATHER: And how did you come
- 11 to form the expectation that PowerStream would not
- 12 have much involvement in the first two (2) years?
- 13 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Because we
- 14 were quite clearly to -- told that there wasn't going
- 15 to be much difference from the date before we closed
- 16 and the date after, which came to fruition. And it
- 17 would take some time, probably up to two (2) years, to
- 18 actually close the -- close the deal and get that
- 19 recapitalization dividend done.
- 20 And then, we were also in the midst of
- 21 a cost of service. So to sit down and start looking
- 22 at areas where they could provide us strategic support
- 23 and get those agreements in place and begin using
- 24 them, it was -- it was going to take a little bit of
- 25 time.

- 1 MR. JOHN MATHER: Do you remember who
- 2 told you this?
- 3 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I -- I can't
- 4 recall in particular. I think it was just general
- 5 understanding.
- 6 MR. JOHN MATHER: Can you give us any
- 7 sense of -- any -- of how this understanding was
- 8 formed, any -- anything else you can tell us?
- 9 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No, just a
- 10 general recollection that there -- there wasn't going
- 11 to be a major change from one (1) day to the next.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: And do you
- 13 specifically recall anyone telling you that some --
- 14 you know, after the first two (2) years, PowerStream
- 15 would have more involvement? And I'm specifically
- 16 curious to know about why you understood there to be a
- 17 two (2) year time period.
- 18 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I don't think
- 19 there's anything specific about a two (2) year time
- 20 period. That's just my comment for how long I thought
- 21 it may take. But we were obviously joining with
- 22 PowerStream because of the resources that they had.
- 23 And we wanted to pursue strategic service agreements
- 24 in order for them to provide those services, and that
- 25 wasn't going to happen on day 1.

- 1 MR. JOHN MATHER: What was your
- 2 expectation about what was going to happen when
- 3 PowerStream became more involved after the two (2)
- 4 years or whatever period of time?
- 5 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: That we could
- 6 have access to certain things, like conservation
- 7 demand projects, control room regulatory and financial
- 8 accounting support, and just access to the talents
- 9 that was in a bigger organization.
- 10 MR. JOHN MATHER: Are you aware of the
- 11 provision of the uni -- unanimous shareholder's
- 12 agreement that provides that certain buy/sell rights
- 13 sometimes referred to as a shotgun clause would be
- 14 available to both the Town and PowerStream after
- 15 thirty (30) months?
- 16 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I wasn't
- 17 involved with the agreement at the time, but through
- 18 this process, of course, I've come to learn that
- 19 information.
- 20 MR. JOHN MATHER: Okay. So, and this
- 21 process being the judicial inquiry?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: And even
- 23 prior to that, yes.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: When did you --
- 25 would you have known about the shotgun clause in March

- 1 2012?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No.
- 3 MR. JOHN MATHER: At that point in
- 4 time, do you recall anyone having explained to you
- 5 that there would be a form of buy/sell provision or
- 6 shotgun clause in the unanimous shareholder's
- 7 agreement?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No.
- 9 MR. JOHN MATHER: So, those are my
- 10 questions.
- 11 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: All
- 12 right. Cross-examination.
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- 14 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. RYAN BREEDON:
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Ms. Shuttleworth,
- 16 my name is Ryan Breedon. I'm one (1) of the lawyers
- 17 for the Town. I just have a few questions for you. I
- 18 -- I understand that you have a bachelor of accounting
- 19 science?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 21 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And you are a
- 22 CGA?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: CPA, CGA.
- 24 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Thank you.
- 25 And you testified yesterday that you were first hired

- 1 by Collus in June 2011?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: That's
- 3 correct.
- 4 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Where were you
- 5 working before that?
- 6 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I worked for
- 7 BDO Canada.

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9 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- MR. RYAN BREEDON: And what were you
- 12 doing for BDO?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I was manager
- 14 of audit and assurance. I worked there for eleven
- 15 (11) years.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Could we pull up
- 17 Exhibit A to the affidavit, please? We were just
- 18 looking at it a moment ago.

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20 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Now, this appears
- 23 to be an email chain between yourself and somebody you
- 24 had worked with previously?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.

- 1 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And who
- 2 is that?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: An accountant
- 4 at that firm.
- 5 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Who?
- 6 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: It's redacted
- 7 in this, so I'm not sure that I would speak to that.

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9 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Well, I -- I'm
- 12 asking the question. I don't see that there's an
- 13 objection, so who -- who were you emailing with?
- 14 MR. JOHN MATHER: Your Honour, Inquiry
- 15 counsel had redacted names where the individual was
- 16 not otherwise involved in the matters that are
- 17 relevant to the terms of reference.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Oh,
- 19 that may be, but I think Mr. Breedon's entitled to --
- 20 and do you -- you need that informa -- your view --
- 21 obviously -- you're asking the question, obviously.
- 22 Do you think you need the information?
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Well, of course.
- 24 Until I have the information, I don't know the answer
- 25 to that question, so. I -- I'm happy to -- I don't

- 1 anticipate a lot of questions --
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 3 why -- why don't you --
- 4 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- for this
- 5 witness, so I'm happy to deal with it.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 7 why don't you defer that question? And if it becomes
- 8 an issue for you before you're finished, then you can
- 9 return to it.
- 10 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Well -- or perhaps
- 11 I can -- we can deal with it separately, because I
- 12 don't think it'll be necessary for this witness. So,
- 13 I'll speak with Inquiry counsel. And we may come back
- 14 in front of you to address that.
- 15 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: All
- 16 right. If it's disclosed to you though, it should be
- 17 disclosed to everybody.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Oh, absolutely. I
- 19 agree. All right.
- 20
- 21 CONTINUED BY MR. RYAN BREEDON:
- 22 MR. RYAN BREEDON: The -- the email
- 23 exchange starts with a discussion about your former
- 24 colleague becoming involved in the audit for Collus,
- 25 and also the Town, correct?

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                   MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH:
                                             Yes.
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                   MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And so,
   if we scroll down to the bottom of the exhibit, the
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   first email is from February the 24th.
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                          (BRIEF PAUSE)
                   MR. RYAN BREEDON: That's the one (1).
   And so, this is, as I understand it, sort of you
   making initial contact to inquire whether there might
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   be any interest?
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                   MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH:
                                             Yes.
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                   MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right.
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  then, if we scroll up a bit...
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                   MR. RYAN BREEDON: Keep going, please.
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   Okay. You'll have to scroll up just a little bit
   more. So, there's a response that comes back dated
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   February the 26, 2012.
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                   And if we scroll down so we can see the
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   response, my understanding from looking at this is
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   that the response that came back to you is what we see
  in blue?
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- 1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes, the
- 2 questions that the accountant's asking me are in blue
- 3 and my responses are in red.
- 4 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Right. That --
- 5 right. And you -- you sent those responses in red
- 6 sort of in the -- the next email up the chain, right?
- 7 Okay.
- 8 And then, as we have seen, there was
- 9 then a further exchange of emails in March?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 11 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. If we
- 12 look at -- it's page -- I think it's this page,
- 13 actually. Could we scroll down a little bit, please?
- 14 Keep going. Right, just stop there.
- Do you see the paragraph in the middle
- 16 of the page that starts, "As a side point"?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 18 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. What
- 19 you say is that:
- 20 "Since I've been an auditor for so
- long, I think this is a job you can
- 22 make good money on."
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 24 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And then you
- 25 explain sort of why that might be the case?

- 1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: And the job that
- 3 you're talking about is taking on the auditing work
- 4 for Collus -- the Collus entities --
- 5 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: That's
- 6 correct.
- 7 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- and, also, for
- 8 the Town?
- 9 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Not
- 10 necessarily for the Town, but I was aware that that
- 11 was an opportunity, as well.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Right. And -- and
- 13 are you able to tell us sort of in rough terms what
- 14 was the value of the auditing contract that you're
- 15 talking about?
- 16 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Off the top
- 17 of my head, in the thirty thousand dollar (\$30,000)
- 18 range.
- 19 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And is that
- 20 just for Collus Power or for all of the Collus
- 21 entities or for Collus and for the Town?
- 22 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Just for
- 23 Collus and Collus's entities and the consolidation of
- 24 that.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And --

- 1 and do you have a sense of what the contract for the
- 2 Town would be worth?
- 3 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No.
- 4 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right.
- 5 Certainly, at least, in the same ballpark or more?
- 6 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I'm assuming
- 7 it would be more. The Town is quite a lot larger.
- 8 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Now, on the
- 9 same page, if we scroll up a little bit -- right. So,
- 10 you'll see there's a question.
- 11 The second question in blue that we
- 12 have on the screen is a question about whether there
- 13 was going to be a request for proposal from both the
- 14 Town and from Collus?
- 15 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 16 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And
- 17 then your response in red is:
- "First of all, for us Ed is asking
- 19 me who I want. I imagine an RFP is
- 20 required, but I'll have to check our
- 21 internal rules on that."
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And so
- 24 what you're saying is that Mr. Houghton had asked you
- 25 for your opinion about who should be audited or

- 1 retained on behalf of the company, and -- but you
- 2 didn't know whether an RFP might be required?
- 3 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I said I
- 4 imagine an RFP is required, but I'd have to check.
- 5 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. But
- 6 certainly, your views on who should be retained as the
- 7 auditor on behalf of Collus would be important.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 9 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And then you
- 10 go on to say that the Town, if they decide to leave --
- 11 by "leave," you mean change auditors.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. For
- 14 sure, we'll have an RFP. You say:
- "I feel if we go to a new auditor,
- 16 they will follow. I am close to the
- 17 accountants at the Town and see the
- mayor at a lot of my Board meetings.
- I have some strong sway."
- 20 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: That's
- 21 correct.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And do I
- 23 understand that what you're saying is that although
- 24 you expected that the Town would conduct an RFP to
- 25 appoint a new auditor, you would have an influence on

- 1 who was ultimately chosen?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes. I was
- 3 asked for a recommendation on that.
- 4 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And I
- 5 understand that both the Collus and the Town did
- 6 change auditors?
- 7 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay.
- 9 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: We -- we
- 10 didn't sorry -- we did not change audit firms. We
- 11 did change audit partner within that firm --
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: -- at Collus.
- 14 MR. RYAN BREEDON: I -- well, at some
- 15 point, the audit firm was changed. Gavillers is no
- 16 longer the auditor?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: They are
- 18 still the auditor.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Oh, all right.
- 20 Thank you. Could we have CBB154, please? This is the
- 21 bonus payment document.
- 22
- 23 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And you

- 1 were asked some questions about the bonuses that were
- 2 paid in connection with this transaction which I don't
- 3 intend to go over again.
- But can you tell us, were bonuses paid
- 5 historically by Collus?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 7 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And --
- 8 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Management do
- 9 not receive overtime like most of the other unionized
- 10 staff, so a portion of our wages is dependent on how
- 11 well we perform.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And was
- 13 there a bonus policy in place?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 15 MR. RYAN BREEDON: What was the
- 16 policy?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: That's really
- 18 an HR question. I don't think I could recall a policy
- 19 off the top of my head.
- 20 MR. RYAN BREEDON: The bonuses that
- 21 are paid in this case, were they similar to the
- 22 bonuses that had paid previously or higher?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I hadn't been
- 24 there that long, but for me, that was typical. Yes.
- 25 MR. RYAN BREEDON: So the -- you

- 1 are -- in this case, you were paid \$15,000, and you're
- 2 saying that that was typical?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 4 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Thank you.
- 5 And then the last thing, if we can turn up the
- 6 witness's affidavit, please, starting at paragraph 12?

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8 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 10 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. This
- 11 section of your affidavit deals with some payments
- 12 which were to be made to Compenso in 2013?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 14 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And
- 15 Compenso is Mr. Bonwick's company?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 17 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And do I understand
- 18 from reading this that you yourself did not ever see
- 19 an agreement between Collus and Compenso?
- 20 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: That's
- 21 correct.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Do you
- 23 know -- and you mention here that -- can we scroll
- 24 down a little bit, please?
- 25 Right. At paragraph 15, you mention

- 1 that you didn't review any agreements because the
- 2 amounts fell within Mr. Houghton's authorization
- 3 limits?
- 4 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: That's
- 5 correct.
- 6 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Do you
- 7 recall what Mr. Houghton's authorization limit was?
- 8 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Above
- 9 15,000 -- 20 or 25,000, I believe.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And is
- 11 that in a one-time payment or in a series of payments
- 12 over time?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: A one-time
- 14 payment.
- 15 MR. RYAN BREEDON: So in the case of
- 16 an ongoing contract -- I mean, in this case, we see
- 17 that there were two (2) payments or two (2) cheques
- 18 written for fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) each.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Was the thirty
- 21 thousand dollars (\$30,000) within Mr. Houghton's
- 22 authorization limit or above?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Together, it
- 24 would be above.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And so in

- 1 the case of an agreement to make ongoing payments like
- 2 seems to be the case here, did Mr. Houghton have to
- 3 obtain approval?
- 4 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: If this was a
- 5 long-term agreement that he was intending, then he
- 6 would need to go to the Board for that approval.
- 7 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Do you know whether
- 8 the Board actually approved this arrangement?
- 9 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I don't
- 10 believe they did.
- 11 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And if we scroll
- 12 down to paragraph 16, you'll -- you write that -- or
- 13 you have sworn that you didn't -- you had not been
- 14 advised how long the monthly payments would go for but
- 15 that you anticipated that it would be a short-term
- 16 arrangement, correct?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: The reason that you
- 19 anticipated that it would be a short-term arrangements
- 20 was because Collus PowerStream couldn't afford to
- 21 continue paying Mr. Bonwick \$15,000 a month for any
- 22 prolonged period of time?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Correct.
- 24 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And you've made the
- 25 point that these payments to Mr. Bonwick hadn't been

- 1 included in the rate application or otherwise taken
- 2 account in Collus' financial planning?
- 3 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: That's
- 4 correct.
- 5 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And I
- 6 take it from that evidence that the \$15,000 a month
- 7 was material to Collus Powerstream at the time.
- 8 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Not material
- 9 in the way that I would think of it in an audit
- 10 perspective. But 15,000 was a -- a significant amount
- 11 of money for us, yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: It was a
- 13 significant cost to --
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 15 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- to Collus
- 16 PowerStream? Thank you. And as I understand reading
- 17 your affidavit, it was -- the agreement was terminated
- 18 as a result of the media attention in March of 2013
- 19 concerning Mr. Bonwick's involvement in the sale and
- 20 related transactions that bring us here today?
- 21 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And the
- 23 decision to terminate Mr. Bonwick's contract was made
- 24 in March of 2013?
- 25 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.

1 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And as I understand

- 2 this, at the time, there had already been two (2)
- 3 cheques written to Mr. Bonwick for services previously
- 4 provided in January of February of 2013.
- 5 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 6 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And the -- it
- 7 appears that a stop payment was put on the February
- 8 cheque, and then that was ultimately reversed.
- 9 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 10 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And why did -- why
- 11 was that done? If the services had already been
- 12 performed, why did Collus reverse that payment?
- 13 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I believe
- 14 that it was an amicable arrangement that he was not
- 15 going to receive payment for that month.
- 16 MR. RYAN BREEDON: An "amicable
- 17 arrangement" between whom?
- 18 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Between
- 19 Ed Houghton and Paul Bonwick.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: So Mr. Houghton, I
- 21 take it, instructed you to stop that payment?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes. I'm
- 23 assuming there was -- had to have been discussion
- 24 about that.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Did Mr. Houghton

- 1 explain to you why he was doing that?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: He said that
- 3 we would need to hire someone else to do this work
- 4 because Paul Bonwick's reputation had been so damaged
- 5 by the media.
- 6 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And I take it that
- 7 you understood the point was that given the issues
- 8 surrounding Mr. Bonwick's reputation, there was a
- 9 concern that the public would be critical if it
- 10 learned the Collus PowerStream was continuing to pay
- 11 him \$15,000 per month?
- 12 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes. It
- 13 would be very difficult to do work with other
- 14 utilities and talk about strategic partnerships and
- 15 mergers with a company that had been -- their
- 16 reputation had been so damaged.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Thank you
- 18 very much. Those are all my questions.
- 19 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Before
- 20 the next person cross-examines, I didn't understand
- 21 quite the twenty thousand dollar (\$20,000) limit and
- 22 the fifteen thousand dollar (\$15,000) payment.
- 23 If the -- could -- could Mr. Houghton
- 24 continue to make fifteen thousand dollar (\$15,000)
- 25 payments without exceeding the limit because no one

- 1 (1) payment was greater than twenty (20), or was it
- 2 cumulative?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: It was per
- 4 month. So he could make one (1) payment per month
- 5 under that amount.
- 6 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: To --
- 7 to -- this -- this didn't happen, but theoretically or
- 8 hypothetically he could have continued to pay \$15,000
- 9 a month without board approval because it was within
- 10 his role that even though it was being paid to the
- 11 same person?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Technically,
- 13 I think I believe that to be correct, yes.
- 14 However, it would be quite obvious to
- 15 the Board that that payment was made, because the
- 16 financials would be discussed with them each quarter
- 17 and we would be over-budget by that amount in that
- 18 category.
- 19 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Okay,
- 20 thank you. Who's next?
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I believe I
- 22 am, Your Honour.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Go
- 24 ahead, Mr. Chenoweth, we're ready when you are.
- 25 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you

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1 very much.
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- 3 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Ms
- 5 Shuttleworth, my -- my name is Fred Chenoweth and I
- 6 act on behalf of Ed Houghton. Pleasure to meet you.
- 7 A couple questions arising out of the questions of Mr.
- 8 Breedon.
- 9 It appears from the answers you've
- 10 given Mr. Breedon, that Mr. Houghton made arrangements
- 11 for the second payment in 2013 to Mr. Bonwick to be
- 12 stopped?
- 13 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Correct.
- 14 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 15 And he gave you an explanation of why
- 16 that was stopped?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right. And
- 19 you felt the explanation was a reasonable one (1) from
- 20 the point of view of Collus PowerStream?
- 21 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Absolutely.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 23 And you had been following the
- 24 circumstances that existed with respect to
- 25 reputational damage, et cetera, in the community up to

- 1 that date?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: There was an
- 3 article that came out in March that really, yes, let
- 4 me know how things were go -- happening, yes.
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Do you have
- 6 any concept as to whether or not Mr. Houghton, before
- 7 giving you instructions to cancel the second payment,
- 8 you indicated that you believed there'd been some
- 9 discussions between Mr. Houghton and Mr. Bonwick,
- 10 which you described as amicable discussions.
- 11 Would you know whether those
- 12 discussions were a result of any instructions that Mr.
- 13 Houghton would've received from Mr. Bentz or the Board
- 14 of -- of Collus PowerStream?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No, I would
- 16 not know that.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you,
- 18 that makes sense.
- 19 I was interested with respect to the
- 20 bonus payments that we've discussed here. There seems
- 21 to be two (2) types of bonuses that were authorized
- 22 through the course of this matter. The first is
- 23 bonuses to members of the STT team.
- 24 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: There were no
- 25 bonuses to that team, other than Dean Muncaster's

- 1 payment.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Wasn't there
- 3 some payments to people for attending meetings of the
- 4 STT team?
- 5 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes
- 6 attending meetings, just as like any other Board
- 7 meeting.
- 8 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right,
- 9 so that my choice of words is inappropriate there, it
- 10 wasn't a bonus, it was a payment for attending
- 11 meetings?
- 12 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: It was not a
- 13 bonus, it was for attending meetings.
- 14 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right. And
- 15 that was, in your view, a -- a pretty standard kind of
- 16 situation, nothing unique about it?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 19 There also appears to have been some --
- 20 some bonuses paid and there were bonuses paid to Dean
- 21 Muncaster?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I think a
- 24 \$30,000 bonus?
- 25 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.

- 1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And there
- 2 was a payment of a bonus to yourself?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Of \$15,000
- 5 and I think Pam Hogg got a \$15,000 bonus?
- 6 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And Mr.
- 8 Houghton got a bonus?
- 9 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 11 I'm -- I'm a little confused about
- 12 that. I got the impression from what you told us that
- 13 there were -- I wasn't sure whether you were telling
- 14 us these were bonuses with respect to the -- your
- 15 unique efforts relating to the transaction that was
- 16 eventually closed on July 31st, 2012, or whether you
- 17 were telling me that -- that these were annual bonuses
- 18 that you received as a term of your employment that
- 19 would have, in this case, taken into consideration the
- 20 extra work that you did with respect to the closing of
- 21 the transaction.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: These were
- 23 different than just an annual bonus, they were
- 24 specific to closing the transaction.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.

- 1 And do I have a sense from what you've
- 2 told us earlier in your testimony that, in fact, there
- 3 was substantial extra work which you had to do as a
- 4 result of the closing of this transaction?
- 5 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: So clearly
- 7 it put a -- it put -- it required efforts over and
- 8 above your regular job description for you to close
- 9 that transaction?
- 10 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes, 70, 75
- 11 hours a week in some cases.
- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: When your
- 13 normal workload would have been how many hours per
- 14 week?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Our regular
- 16 work week is 40 hours.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: So you were
- 18 working substantially greater hours in order to
- 19 complete this transaction?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: So that I --
- 22 I -- I take it, and it certainly seems fair to me, I
- 23 take it that you felt that the bonuses were, at least
- 24 to you in any event, were appropriate and fair in the
- 25 circumstances?

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1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I was very
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- 2 grateful for it, but to be honest, by the time you
- 3 take taxes and deductions off that, \$7,000 was not
- 4 really worth a year of my life.
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 6 So, although -- although you got a
- 7 bonus, you're not of the view that the bonus was
- 8 excessive or in a greater amount than it should have
- 9 been, is that fair to say?
- 10 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No, but I was
- 11 very appreciative for it, yes.
- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you, I
- 13 understand.
- 14 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: He
- 15 might have the same view.
- 16 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I -- I do
- 17 have the same view.
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- 19 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: It didn't
- 21 appear to be excessive, is the bottom line?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 24 And you indeed worked a number of hours
- 25 that would justify the payment of that bonus?

- 1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 3 And is it your observation that -- that Pam Hogg had
- 4 additional -- had an additional workload as a result
- 5 of the necessity to close this transaction?
- 6 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes, she
- 7 worked very hard on it as well.
- 8 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 9 And are we talking hours of the same magnitude that
- 10 you described in your --
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Very much so,
- 12 yes.
- 13 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: So you
- 14 again, although it was appreciated, and I -- I am
- 15 respectful of that comment, it clearly wasn't an
- 16 excessive bonus given the work that Pam Hogg had done?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 19 And you would have had an opportunity to observe the
- 20 efforts that Ed Houghton put in with respect to that
- 21 transaction?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right,
- 24 and was it your view that Mr. Houghton had again
- 25 worked substantial hours over and above his regular

- 1 efforts in order to close this transaction?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 4 So I take it that you similarly had no
- 5 question as to the appropriateness of the bonus paid
- 6 to Mr. Houghton at that time for his extra effort?
- 7 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Correct.
- 8 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Good.
- 9 And I take it the same with respect to
- 10 Mr. Muncaster?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 13 As I understand it, the bonuses were
- 14 approved by Joan Pajunen at that time?
- 15 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 16 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And Ms.
- 17 Pajunen's position at the time of her approving those
- 18 bonuses was what --
- 19 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I --
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- head of
- 21 human resources I get confused about these various
- 22 positions, but --
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Dean
- 24 Muncaster had just passed away, so --
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes.

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MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: -- Joan had
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   stepped in and done a lot of the signing for many
   things related to closing at that time, so yes, she
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   was --
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                   MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
                                              She was, in
   essence, interim Chairman of the Board of Collus
   Power? Or Collus?
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                   MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH:
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   believe so, but I'm not going to say that for certain.
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                   MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
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   either interim Chairman of the Board or she was -- or
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   she was head of HR, one (1) of the two (2), correct?
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                   MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH:
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                   MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
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                   In any event, Mr. Muncaster wasn't
   there and -- and Ms. Pajunen had stepped in and she
   approved the -- the bonuses. And you say in your
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   affidavit:
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                      "I believe the payment did comply
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                      with Collus policies on bonus
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                      payment at the time."
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                   That -- that's your view of that?
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                   MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH:
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                   MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
   And you felt it appropriate that Ms. Pajunen would
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- 1 okay those bonuses at that time?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Good. Were
- 4 you involved in any meetings with respect to the
- 5 considerations of those bonuses? I take you probably
- 6 weren't.
- 7 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No, I was
- 8 not.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 10 Very good.
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- 12 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- 14 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Mr. Breedon
- 15 took you through some correspondence, one (1) of which
- 16 was a correspondence that you sent to a business
- 17 associate on February 24th, 2012.
- 18 And it appeared to be an exchange
- 19 between yourself and your business associate with
- 20 respect to the prospect of your business associate
- 21 becoming involved in the audit of -- of Collus
- 22 PowerStream and the Town, correct?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 25 I got the impression from what you told us that you

- 1 were -- that you were encouraged or instructed or
- 2 authorized to make inquiries so that you could make a
- 3 recommendation as to possibly new auditors for Collus
- 4 Power and the Town?
- 5 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 7 And you received those instructions from -- from who
- 8 to make those inquiries?
- 9 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Ed Houghton.
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And did you
- 11 have a sense that there had been discussions about the
- 12 appropriateness of continuing with -- with Gavillers
- 13 and/or Mr. Neate at Collus Power before Mr. Houghton
- 14 made that request of you?
- 15 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 17 And you knew there was some questions about the
- 18 advisability of continuing to have Mr. Neate as the
- 19 auditor?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 22 And -- and, obviously, one (1) of the concerns that --
- 23 that you came to understand was that Mr. Houghton was
- 24 concerned that Mr. Neate's comments at or after the
- 25 February 2nd meeting, I guess meeting of the STT, had

- 1 been in excess of what would have been anticipated of
- 2 an auditor at that time?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: You're aware
- 5 that Mr. Houghton had that concern?
- 6 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 8 Did you have any sense as to whether that was a
- 9 concern shared by others or you -- or you did or
- 10 didn't come to know that?
- 11 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I wasn't in
- 12 the meeting to hear what actually was said. But I can
- 13 say that, as an auditor, we have a certain requirement
- 14 to remain independent in our audits. And other than
- 15 providing tax services, we cannot offer consulting
- 16 services.
- 17 And so, it made sense to me that that
- 18 may -- that Ed had made a comment that was justified,
- 19 but I was not in the meeting to hear what was said.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 21 So, if the comments that Ed said were said by Mr.
- 22 Neate, you wouldn't find the reaction of Mr. Houghton
- 23 to be in any way unique or -- or inappropriate?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Ed Houghton
- 25 could not share with me what those comments were in a

- 1 private meeting but -- other than it was outside of
- 2 the scope or inappropriate.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right. And
- 4 if Mr. Neate in fact had made some comments that --
- 5 that were consultative in nature and not auditory, I
- 6 don't know whether that's the right word or not, not
- 7 auditory in nature, you would find from your knowledge
- 8 of his obligations and responsibilities, that he might
- 9 have been a little over the line in terms of what he
- 10 said?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Not being in
- 12 the meeting, it's difficult for me to say anything
- 13 other than we're not allowed to provide consulting
- 14 services or recommend processes, and then go and audit
- 15 the work that we've consulted on or --
- 16 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: So, that
- 17 appeared --
- 18 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: -- or
- 19 processes we've designed.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 21 So, that issue that you've described appeared to be
- 22 the issue to which Mr. Houghton was directing himself
- 23 in the remarks he made to you?
- 24 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: That's the
- 25 way I understood it.

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                   MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
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   Thank you. I take it you knew there were other
   concerns about Mr. Neate and Gavillers at the time
   that you made the inquiries of your friend, your
   associate, as to whether or not she might be
   interested?
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                   MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
                   MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I am
   referring you to -- to the exhibit that's attached to
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   your affidavit. And I think we've already been
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   through this, but I suppose we might pull up the
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   document in any event. It's CPS3132.
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                   MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I'm
   looking in the last bullet of the, "Hi Cindy," letter.
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                  MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: That's the
   one (1). The last bullet, if we could come to tha --
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concerns which you understood were extent with respect

with respect to that. You discuss some of the

25 to the work of Mr. Neate and the work of -- of

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- 1 Gavillers.
- 2 You -- you may -- you may wish to read
- 3 your -- your red response.
- 4 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: You say to
- 6 your -- to your associate:
- 7 "Ed is not too fond of Ralph Neate
- 8 because he finds the presentations
- 9 at the annual general meeting by him
- 10 poor."
- 11 So, you had -- you had come to
- 12 understand that from -- what, from your conversation
- 13 with Ed or you'd come to understand that from your
- 14 general understanding of what was going on or...?
- 15 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: The
- 16 conversation from Ed.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 18 I also have given my input on the quality of the
- 19 financial statements. And I take it these are
- 20 financial statements prepared by Gavillers (sic)?
- 21 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right,
- 23 and Mr. Neate, I take it, in particular?
- 24 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.

- 1 "And I feel that they are significantly lacking."
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: It appears
- 4 to be clear from that statement that you also had a
- 5 concern about the completeness or whatever -- you
- 6 described them as lacking, the completeness or
- 7 whatever of the financial statements prepared by
- 8 Gavillers, correct?
- 9 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes. They --
- 10 they would have had the basic requirements that they
- 11 needed, but I felt like we could provide fuller
- 12 disclosure in the statements.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And so, you
- 14 felt they were lacking?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you,
- 17 and not in keeping with what your experience to that
- 18 date, in any event, had been with respect to full and
- 19 fulsome financial statements?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 22 You say here:
- "Gaviller is too comfortable and it
- 24 appears that they were acting like
- 25 they will always have us."

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That was your view of -- of the
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   retention of Gavillers and the service they were
   giving you?
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                  MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
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                  MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
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                      "And they appeared not to be trying
                      at all to keep us as clients."
                  Correct?
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                  MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
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                  MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And you
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   describe a well-known syndrome here, a take-it-for-
   granted syndrome. Is that -- was that your view of
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   Gaviller's approach to their work with you?
                  MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
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                  MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: So, you had
   concerns about the retention of Gaviller, as well?
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                  MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
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                  MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And you were
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  aware that others had concerns about the retention of
  Gavillers?
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                  MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
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                  MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Justice
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- 1 Marrocco had asked you about the length of time that
- 2 might be necessary to complete the review of the
- 3 shared service agreements?
- 4 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And you
- 6 indicated that it might well be a six (6) month period
- 7 --
- 8 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- to which
- 10 His Honour indicated, And that might be from January
- 11 of 2012 to July of 2012 for the closing, correct?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 13 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 14 I take it that this was -- this was a comment made in
- 15 the circumstances of your -- that length of period
- 16 that you suggested there. That suggestion was a
- 17 function of a circumstance in which you had normal
- 18 workloads?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 21 And I -- and I think it was your point that, in these
- 22 particular circumstances, with the obligations that
- 23 were necessary to close the transaction on July 31st,
- 24 it wasn't workload as usual in the fact it was quite
- 25 extensive, and you've described a number of hours it

- 1 commanded.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 4 In those circumstances, would it be fair to say that
- 5 the obligation to review the Shared Service Agreements
- 6 in those -- in these circumstances, which you've now
- 7 described, would be in excess of your -- your
- 8 six-month comment?
- 9 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes. It was
- 10 a quite challenging time. Our cost of service
- 11 application was due to the Ontario Energy Board, and
- 12 Tim Fryer had left as well. It was an --
- 13 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: -- a very
- 15 difficult time.
- 16 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: These are my
- 17 words and not yours. But is it fair to say that it
- 18 would have been virtually impossible -- given the OEB
- 19 and the closing obligations that you had which
- 20 included the preparation, I think, of financial
- 21 statements, et cetera, and without the assistance of
- 22 Tim Fryer, it would have been virtually impossible for
- 23 the Shared Services Agreements to have been reviewed
- 24 and completed between January and the end of July for
- 25 the closing in 2012?

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1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.

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3 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: You indicate
- 6 in paragraph 3 of your affidavit -- and you may wish
- 7 to pull up the affidavit in question in case the
- 8 witness wishes to refer to it. If we could that, that
- 9 would be useful.
- Just looking at paragraph 3, I had a
- 11 couple questions arising from that. You clearly
- 12 indicate that at some point after the Ontario Energy
- 13 Board approval, which I think was in -- what -- was
- 14 that in about May or June of 2012?
- 15 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I think it
- 16 was in June.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 18 In any event, at some point after that, you developed
- 19 a sense as to Mr. Fryer's view with respect to whether
- 20 this transaction was appropriate.
- 21 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: It was the
- 22 day that Ontario Energy Board approved it that we had
- 23 this conversation immediately after the approval.
- 24 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And did you
- 25 get a sense of what Mr. Fryer's view was of the

- 1 transaction in that conversation that you've
- 2 described?
- 3 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: It was quite
- 4 obvious to me that he was not happy about the sale,
- 5 but he -- he didn't speak to me directly about it.
- 6 But this particular day, I had been
- 7 refreshing the Ontario Energy Board website all day
- 8 waiting for the approval to come in for PowerStream,
- 9 and I quite excitedly told him -- he was just across
- 10 the hall from me -- that we -- we'd done it, that it
- 11 was approved.
- 12 And his reaction was surprising to me
- 13 in that he -- he seemed quite upset about it, and he
- 14 said that he was not going to keep working for the
- 15 company in that -- in that -- because of that, and he
- 16 left the building.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Following
- 18 that conversation.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: So he was --
- 21 he was quite dejected about the fact that the OEB had
- 22 approved the transaction.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 24 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 25 And he responded to you by saying that he wasn't going

- 1 to work there anymore.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 4 And he left the building.
- 5 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: You found
- 7 that, obviously in the -- in all the circumstances
- 8 that you were aware of, a pretty unique reaction.
- 9 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I -- I was so
- 10 shocked, I didn't have any words to even respond with.
- 11 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: You were
- 12 aware obviously that Mr. Fryer had -- you described it
- 13 earlier in your testimony as two (2) months off in the
- 14 earlier parts of that year.
- I believe it to have been the following
- 16 February of 2012?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And did you
- 19 come to be aware of the nature of those two (2) months
- 20 off? Did you -- did you gain any understanding of
- 21 whether this was some sort of a forced layoff or
- 22 whether it was a medical circumstances, or did you
- 23 come to have understanding of the nature of his
- 24 two (2) months off at that time?
- 25 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No. I had

- 1 a -- I had a sense of what it might be, but no, I
- 2 didn't.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And how did
- 4 you have a sense of what it might be? I suspect it
- 5 relates to --
- 6 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I -- I --
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- shock
- 8 with what you reacted to the -- to the later
- 9 matters --
- 10 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: -- I believe
- 11 it was --
- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- the
- 13 similar matters.
- 14 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: -- I believe
- 15 he was -- it was stress.
- 16 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And did you
- 17 make observations in or about February when he was
- 18 laid off? Did you have observations which led you to
- 19 that conclusion that he appeared to be suffering from
- 20 some stress on or about that time?
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Sorry.
- 22 Was the evidence that he was laid off?
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Well,
- 24 that -- it's unclear whether he was laid off.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Yeah.

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- 1 I --
- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: That's --
- 3 that's the issue that I'm speaking to.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 5 I think until it's clear --
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right. Then
- 7 I -- then I won't use the word "laid off." I'll use a
- 8 different word.

- 10 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 11 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: You told me
- 12 that you came to the conclusion that it was stress
- 13 that led to his two (2) months away from the office.
- 14 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: That was my
- 15 speculation.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 17 And what observations did you have in or about
- 18 February of 2012 that led to that conclusion?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: He just -- he
- 20 seemed very unhappy with the direction that the
- 21 company was going.
- 22 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Is it fair
- 23 to say that he was dejected as a result of that
- 24 direction?
- 25 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I believe so.

- 1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 2 Would it also be fair to say -- and I want to be as
- 3 fair as I can to Mr. Fryer -- that there had been a
- 4 substantial workload placed on Mr. Fryer -- and he
- 5 described it earlier and, in fact, had a document that
- 6 he put forward about all the tasks that he had on his
- 7 plate in 2011 and 2012 -- is it fair to say that you
- 8 had a sense that Mr. Fryer was stressed as a result of
- 9 the workload that was on him at that time?
- 10 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Potentially
- 11 that may have been a component to it, yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: In any
- 13 event, it was -- in keeping with your observations
- 14 that you felt he was suffering from some stress
- 15 related to his employment in or about February of
- 16 2012.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
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- 19 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: In
- 22 paragraph 20 of your affidavit, there appears to be
- 23 some sort of audit note. It says "per Cindy." What
- 24 is that? Was that some sort of note that auditors
- 25 make or something of that nature?

- 1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: You'll have
- 3 to help me out with that.
- 4 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: This -- this
- 5 appears to be a note that the auditors wrote on one
- 6 (1) of their own working papers.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 8 The "per Cindy," does that appear to be a note written
- 9 as a result of conversations with you?
- 10 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I believe so.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right.
- 12 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: The initial
- 13 part of that paragraph, I feel like I recall, but the
- 14 later part not so much.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 16 But there's two (2) "per Cindy"s through the course of
- 17 that paragraph --
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- which
- 20 seems to suggest that the information that's contained
- 21 in those paragraphs was information that the
- 22 auditor -- whoever that was, and I assume it was
- 23 Gaviller -- that the auditor had obtained the
- 24 information from you.
- 25 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.

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MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
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                                              Is that --
   although you have some less than perfect recollection
   of giving that information, is it fair to assume, as
 3
   I've described, that the information on both aspects
   of that audit note are a function of conversations
   that the auditor had with you? Is that a fair
   assumption?
 7
                   MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH:
                                             I do recall
 9
   that Compenso was going to be hired for strategic
10
   partnership planning as we were required to go ahead
11
   and -- and try and merge and grow with other
12
   utilities. So I do recall that probably I would have
13
    said something like that.
14
                   The sentence that says:
15
                      "Brian Bentz suggested to add that
16
                      Compenso be hired to look after the
17
                      Collus side of this responsibility,
18
                      given Ed's commitment to the Town as
19
                      CAO through April 2013."
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                   I don't particularly recall that. I --
    I wouldn't have known anything directly from Brian
21
           It's possible I may have said it and Ed
22
   Bentz.
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    relayed that information to me and I've just
24
    forgotten, but I don't recall the second part of that.
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                   MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
                                              All right.
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- 1 So, you don't recall it now --
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- but it
- 4 could be that you've forgotten. And it could be, as
- 5 described by the auditor, that that information was
- 6 per Cindy?
- 7 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yeah, relayed
- 8 from Brian through Ed to me potentially, but not
- 9 directly with Brian Bentz.
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Now, you had
- 11 other comments with respect to completing the review
- 12 of the service agreements, the shared service
- 13 agreements, in the year after the closing on July
- 14 31st, 2012, and you are aware it didn't happen.
- 15 And you commented, I think, in the
- 16 evidence adduced by Mr. Mather that I had a sense that
- 17 it didn't happen because of Mr. Brown coming on the
- 18 scene?
- 19 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: That would
- 20 have been subsequent to the close. But when we --
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yeah,
- 22 subsequent to the close, indeed --
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yeah.
- 24 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- in the
- 25 year after?

- 1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: In the year
- 2 after, when we were --
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Which was
- 4 during the period of the undertaking?
- 5 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: -- when we
- 6 were attempting to get these agreements going. Like I
- 7 said, we had made headway on the computer lease
- 8 agreement. I think we had resolved that one. And as
- 9 we went into the next stages, it became very evident
- 10 that John Brown wasn't going to allow us to proceed
- 11 with ever coming to a resolution on these agreements.
- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: That's --
- 13 that -- that's curious. What kind of activity or what
- 14 kind of action on the -- on behalf of Mr. Brown led
- 15 you to the conclusion that he -- he wasn't going to
- 16 allow what you understood to be the completion of an
- 17 undertaking given to PowerStream?
- 18 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Well, the
- 19 first meeting I had where he was in attendance with it
- 20 was at a lawyer that we were planning to engage to
- 21 continue on. I think he had originally did that first
- 22 computer lease one.
- 23 And the meeting was so confrontational
- 24 with the lawyer that I came out from it. And I said
- 25 to Ed that there was never going to be any signing of

- 1 any agreement in any -- in the near future based on
- 2 that conversation.
- And then, subsequently, the lawyer
- 4 called me and said he wasn't interested in doing --
- 5 MR. MARCUS OSTROWERKA: And I just
- 6 want to just interject here, Your Honour. I -- I
- 7 worry about conversations with lawyers and -- and that
- 8 being privileged information. And -- and it might be
- 9 further to your --
- 10 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I -- I
- 11 think --
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I'm prepared
- 13 to void that.
- 14 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Yeah,
- 15 I -- I think the simple answer is that, as a result of
- 16 that meeting, that -- that was one (1) of the things
- 17 that allowed the witness to draw the conclusion. And
- 18 we don't need to get into the specifics of what the
- 19 lawyer said.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I -- I'm
- 21 quite -- quite content with that approach, Your
- 22 Honour.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 24 think, Mr. Chenoweth, I'll take the morning break at a
- 25 -- as soon as you finish --

- 1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: That
- 2 section?
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 4 yes.
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes. In
- 6 fact, I think I'll probably finish my examination in a
- 7 prompt way.

- 9 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: You indicate
- 11 that the meeting was confrontational. Who was
- 12 involved in the -- who was confrontational at the
- 13 meeting?
- 14 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: John Brown.
- 15 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I -- I
- 16 take it you -- you found his manner, given the
- 17 obligation that you had under the undertaking with
- 18 PowerStream, to have been inappropriate?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: He was very
- 20 difficult, yes.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 22 I got the impression from what you told me that this
- 23 would not have been the only occasion on which Mr.
- 24 Brown was very difficult with respect to matters
- 25 relating to the Collus PowerStream ongoing operation?

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1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Any
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- 2 interaction I have had with him has been very
- 3 difficult.
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: In -- in
- 5 what ways was it difficult? And -- and, again, I -- I
- 6 want to keep the --
- 7 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 8 I think you've moved on to a different topic, so I'll
- 9 just take the morning break.
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Very good.
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- 12 --- Upon recessing at 11:25 a.m.
- 13 --- Upon resuming at 11:39 a.m.
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- 15 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Ms.
- 17 Shuttleworth, I'm not entirely sure of the -- of the
- 18 question I had asked you, but it was relating to the -
- 19 well, I was -- it was first of all relating to the -
- 20 the confrontational conduct of Mr. Brown in a
- 21 meeting with a lawyer that you had understood was
- 22 going to assist you with the shared services
- 23 agreements?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And that was

- 1 one (1) example of where Mr. Brown made difficult the
- 2 efforts to move forward with the Collus PowerStream
- 3 partnership?
- 4 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: That's
- 5 correct.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 7 And was there other occasions on which Mr. Brown made
- 8 it difficult to proceed forward with the Collus
- 9 PowerStream partnership?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 11 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 12 Do you -- do you want to tell us about a -- about
- 13 another one?
- 14 OBJ MR. MARCUS OSTROWERKA: Your Honour, I
- 15 -- I noted my objection yesterday, and -- and I'd
- 16 appreciate your comments on what was loosely
- 17 connected, and I'm only going to state this once and
- 18 otherwise let things proceed.
- 19 And I understand loose connection to
- 20 the shared service agreements, they were a condition
- 21 of the closing, and so on. But I worry about diving
- 22 into conduct that goes beyond the scope of that, and
- 23 that -- that rel -- that being relevant to the terms
- 24 of reference. So that's -- that would be my
- 25 objection, and -- and I'll leave it at that.

- 1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: No, Your --
- 2 Your Honour, I --
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Hasn't
- 4 the witness already testified that Mr. Brown was --
- 5 that -- that it was her view that there was no way
- 6 that this was going to be completed under Mr. Brown's
- 7 leadership? I -- I really don't know --
- 8 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: She
- 9 testified that with respect to the shared services
- 10 agreements, and I'm -- I'm moving beyond those.

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12 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 14 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: To
- 15 what? To --
- 16 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I -- I --
- 17 Your Honour, I -- I must say that I am sensitive to
- 18 the remarks of my friend with respect to matters that
- 19 may raise personnel issues, and I -- and I hope to
- 20 avoid getting up against those kinds of issues.
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 22 I'll allow --
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: My other --
- 24 either one (1) --
- 25 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: --

- 1 I'll allow you to go -- go on with this a bit. I'll
- 2 allow it for -- for a bit.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you,
- 4 Your Honour.
- 5 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: But
- 6 I'm not foreclosing your right to object later on, if
- 7 -- if it -- if it does seem like it's getting back
- 8 into matters with which you're concerned.

- 10 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Let me say
- 12 it more generally, then. Is it your view, given your
- 13 observations in the time after the closing, and after
- 14 Mr. Brown became involved, that it was very difficult
- 15 to proceed without going into a whole bunch of
- 16 examples?
- 17 It was very difficult to proceed with
- 18 matters that were necessary for the Collus PowerStream
- 19 partnership to be successful?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes, that's
- 21 correct.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 23 Would the activities of Mr. Brown, if I was to use the
- 24 word sabotaged the partnership, would that be
- 25 inappropriate, or would you regard that is an

- 1 appropriate use of a word describing Mr. Brown's
- 2 efforts with respect to that partnership?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: It'd be
- 5 appropriate?
- 6 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Okay. And
- 8 without really going into the relationship between
- 9 yourself and Mr. Brown in any particularity, would it
- 10 be fair to say that you found your relations with Mr.
- 11 Brown to be difficult?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Extremely so.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 14 And would it be fair to say that as a result of manner
- 15 and nature of that relationship, that you actually
- 16 considered quitting your position?
- 17 OBJ MR. MARCUS OSTROWERKA: Your Honour, I
- 18 -- I feel like returning to those territories that you
- 19 mentioned earlier.
- 20 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 21 think the witness has -- I'm not going to allow the
- 22 question. The witness has said -- described it as
- 23 extremely difficult, and agreed with your suggestion
- 24 concerning the PowerStream relationship. I -- I think
- 25 it's redundant. I'm not getting into any further.

- 1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 2 If -- if this is getting into it further, Your Honour,
- 3 and -- and breaches your -- your view of matters, then
- 4 -- then tell me so.

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- 7 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 8 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Did you
- 9 regard yourself as -- did you regard the treatment
- 10 that you received by Mr. Brown as brutal?
- 11 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I -- I
- 12 think it does. I think I -- I'm not getting into any
- 13 further --
- 14 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Very good.
- 15 Thank you, Your Honour.
- 16 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: -- and
- 17 I think that question does.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.

- 20 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: You did
- 22 indicate that as a result of that relationship, you
- 23 considered quitting your employment.
- To the best of your knowledge, was
- 25 there others related to the Collus PowerStream

- 1 organization that considered quitting their
- 2 involvement with that organization because of Mr.
- 3 Brown?
- 4 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Many others
- 5 quit, yes.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 7 I'm -- many others quit?
- 8 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I'm --
- 9 I -- I've got the -- I believe the witness has made it
- 10 quite clear that Mr. Brown was, in her view, a cause
- 11 of a very serious problem in the relationship. I'm
- 12 really not sure that continuing to go -- that
- 13 continuing the line of questioning leads to any
- 14 different conclusion.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you,
- 16 Your Honour, thank you.

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- 18 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: If I might
- 20 just -- just ask a couple of questions from the
- 21 Foundation Document relating to that. Para -- could
- 22 we turn to paragraph 789 of the Foundation Document?

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24 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: That's good.
- 2 On June 10th, 2016, board chair David McFadden
- 3 announced his intention to resign from the board of
- 4 directors of Collus PowerStream, citing a
- 5 dysfunctional relationship between the Town and the
- 6 company.
- 7 Did you believe that the actions of Mr.
- 8 Brown were a significant source of the dysfunction
- 9 that led Mr. McFadden to resign on June 10th, 2016?
- 10 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I -- I
- 11 -- Mr. McFadden asked about this yesterday?
- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: He was. He
- 13 was.
- 14 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: All
- 15 right.

- 17 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And in any
- 19 event, do you believe that Mr. Brown's actions were a
- 20 significant source of the dysfunction that led to Mr.
- 21 McFadden's res -- resignation --
- 22 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I -- I
- 23 must say, I'm having some difficulty with that. He
- 24 was asked about this yesterday? I -- I might have
- 25 missed it. I -- I know that he resigned, and I -- I

- 1 know there was a newspaper article which indicated it
- 2 was dysfunctional.
- 3
  I -- I don't really -- I don't really
- 4 think that's contentious in terms of his view, but I
- 5 just don't recall him being asked why he resigned. I
- 6 -- I'm not sure it -- it's really contentious, as I
- 7 say. I --
- 8 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Well, I
- 9 think that -- that he -- my memory is -- and I stand
- 10 to be corrected again, where --
- 11 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 12 so do I.
- 13 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: But -- but
- 14 my memory, as he was -- he was asked, and he indicated
- 15 that it was a dysfunctional relationship.
- 16 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Yes.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And -- and
- 18 so there's no question that -- I think it's -- it's
- 19 common ground between us that he did that and I'm
- 20 really inquiring of this witness with respect to any
- 21 observations she might have had as to what she
- 22 observed in terms of what the source of that
- 23 dysfunction was. That's all I'm inquiring.
- 24 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 25 think she's indicated it was Mr. Brown. I think the

- 1 witness has indicated that she concluded that they
- 2 were never going to reach an agreement. That --
- 3 that's her -- her evidence, that they were never going
- 4 to reach an agreement.
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: No, that's
- 6 true. She -- she did indicate --
- 7 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I -- I
- 8 just --
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- that with
- 10 respect to shared services.
- 11 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I -- I
- 12 would just like you -- move through this in a way that
- 13 -- that -- this seems to be the witness's evidence. I
- 14 -- I think this is more particularity, perhaps, in the
- 15 evidence, but the witness's testimony is pretty clear
- 16 as to what she thought the problem was. I really
- 17 think that.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Well, I --
- 19 really, Your Honour, I -- I don't think it's unfair
- 20 for me to explore the -- the reasons for the
- 21 dysfunction that's been described by the witnesses,
- 22 and to explore whether, in fact, the dysfunction which
- 23 you've said the witness has told us was Mr. Brown,
- 24 whether that dysfunction led to the resignation of not
- 25 only Mr. McFadden in June of 2016, but the resolution

- 1 -- or the resignation of Mr. Worts also in June of
- 2 2016.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: The
- 4 witness -- the witness said others resigned. I don't
- 5 really need to know this, I don't think, who resigned.

- 7 The witness testified that other people resigned.
- 8 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Well, we
- 9 certainly know from 789 and 790 that -- that amongst
- 10 the others that --
- 11 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Yes.
- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- resigned
- 13 were McFadden and Worts, and I'm -- I'm prepared to
- 14 leave it there if --
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 16 I don't know if --
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- you wish
- 18 me to.
- 19 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 20 don't believe anybody's challenged the fact that Mr.
- 21 McFadden at some point resigned and Mr. Worts
- 22 resigned. Mr. McFadden cited a dysfunctional
- 23 relationship between the Town and the Company. The
- 24 witness has indicated what she thinks about the cause
- 25 of the dysfunctional relationship.

- 1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Being Mr.
- 2 Brown.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Yes.
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I'm content
- 5 to leave it there, Your Honour. That -- that was --
- 6 that was what I wished to get out of the -- the
- 7 questions, and I'm content with that.
- Just one (1) moment, Your Honour.

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10 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I don't
- 13 believe I have any further questions, Your Honour.
- 14 Thank you very much.
- 15 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Before
- 16 the next person cross-examines, Ms. Shuttleworth, you
- 17 -- I'm referring to the email now, the one (1) that
- 18 has your comments in red back to your -- to the person
- 19 you're sending it to, to try to interest them in
- 20 bidding or competing for the audit.
- 21 You agreed that this person was a
- 22 business associate, but do I have it right from
- 23 reading the emails that this was a person at an
- 24 auditing firm and that you were trying to interest
- 25 them in bidding for the audit?

- 1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: But
- 3 you're not associated in business with that auditing
- 4 firm?
- 5 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I was working
- 6 for that firm previously.
- 7 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: No,
- 8 no, but at the time you sent the email you --
- 9 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No, I was not
- 10 working there.
- 11 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: It was
- 12 someone you knew from a previous life?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 14 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Right.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Your Honour, I
- 16 have a couple of questions, if I may.
- 17 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Go
- 18 ahead.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Thank you.
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- 21 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. GEORGE MARRON:
- 22 MR. GEORGE MARRON: I'd like to refer
- 23 you, Ms. Shuttleworth, to the Foundation Document,
- 24 paragraph 663. And let me, while they're doing that,
- 25 indicate that I'm legal counsel to Sandra Cooper.

1 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 3 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Thank you. A term
- 4 that's used for Table 7.4 is extraordinary deduction.
- I take it that's an accounting term, is
- 6 it?
- 7 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: It was just a
- 8 parking spot where we put anything that was related to
- 9 the sale that wasn't in our normal budget, and then
- 10 eventually we moved that to appropriate places. It --
- 11 it really has no relevance, that particular title.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. So I wanted
- 13 to clear that.
- 14 The second thing, it indicates that
- 15 Sandra Cooper was paid a total of \$2,400, and
- 16 reference to the extraordinary deduction payments.
- 17 Now, I believe that you testified, and you may not
- 18 have used the term "per diem" -- I mean, lawyers only
- 19 talk in Latin when they don't understand what they're
- 20 saying. So per diem, I don't know much about
- 21 accounting.
- 22 I -- I take it that these extraordinary
- 23 deductions relate to what is normally referred to in
- 24 accounting as per diem payments for the attendance and
- 25 the preparation for the attendance by, in this case,

- 1 Sandra Cooper?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: That's
- 3 correct.
- 4 MR. GEORGE MARRON: And this relates
- 5 to the Collus Board attendances and the strategic
- 6 partnership team --
- 7 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: That's
- 8 correct.
- 9 MR. GEORGE MARRON: -- attendances.
- 10 There's been reference made -- if we could just scroll
- 11 up on 663. I don't intend to spend a lot of time
- 12 here, but -- just straight up to the -- to the link
- 13 documents. Thank you. The last link document, if it
- 14 could be pulled up, CPS0009048 -- 00001. That could
- 15 be scrolled up.
- 16 This -- this is -- indication at the
- 17 top of this, it's Statement of Payments Per Diem
- 18 Remuneration. So this would refer back, as it has
- 19 been noted in the Foundation Document, to the term
- 20 "extraordinary deduction payments."
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: yes.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: I've noted that if
- 23 we total the amounts that are set out on the document,
- 24 9048 -- if that could be scrolled up. If you look at
- 25 the individual items, it shows, August 3rd and 29th,

- 1 strategic partnership meeting, so it's two (2) times
- 2 three hundred (300), September 12th and 19th, two (2)
- 3 times three hundred (300), then an RFP review
- 4 conducted or attended to on the 28th of September, and
- 5 finally two (2) attendances on the 23rd and the 28th
- 6 of November for the strategic partnership meeting.
- 7 So -- so my mathematical skills lead me
- 8 to believe that those amounts would not total what was
- 9 set out in the Foundation Document of 2,400; rather
- 10 they appear to be 2,100.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: There may
- 12 potentially be another hidden line for another 300 or
- 13 --
- 14 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah. Well, that
- 15 -- that what I was --
- 16 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: -- on another
- 17 summary.
- 18 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah. In other
- 19 words, there may be something that's been redacted in
- 20 error?
- 21 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: And -- and --
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I would think
- 24 so.
- 25 MR. GEORGE MARRON: -- it's a \$300

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amount, so that's probably what happened.
                  MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH:
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                                          Yes.
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                  MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right, thank
        Those are my questions. Thank you.
   you.
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   CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. TIM FRYER
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                  MR. TIM FRYER: Justice Marrocco --
                  MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Good morning.
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                  MR. TIM FRYER: -- Ms. Shuttleworth.
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   I'll state for the record that I'm representing myself
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   in these proceedings and will be asking you some
   questions. I'll try to follow along with your
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   provided affidavit evidence, but there are differences
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   to your testimony, so if I could bring the affidavit
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   up.
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                          (BRIEF PAUSE)
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                  MR. TIM FRYER: And Item 3. You'll
   recall making this affidavit statement?
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                  MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH:
                                          Yes.
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                  MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. Do you recall
   that Mr. Houghton spoke to the employees immediately
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   once we knew the OEB had approved so that everybody
25 would hear it from him and not hear it on the street?
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1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No.
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- 2 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. I was there for
- 3 that, up in the lunchroom, so there's witnesses of
- 4 that.
- 5 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I believe
- 6 this was late in the day, the day that the OEB
- 7 actually approved it, that we had this conversation.
- 8 MR. TIM FRYER: So you're alleging,
- 9 yes?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 11 MR. TIM FRYER: I spoke with him
- 12 privately then to advise him. That was the first time
- 13 I advised anybody, and then I spoke to you.
- 14 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: You spoke to
- 15 me the -- when I told you that the OEB had approved
- 16 the deal, which came up immediately from the time I
- 17 was refreshing the website.
- 18 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. So it's a
- 19 pretty small office. Was there any witnesses to that?
- 20 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I don't know.
- MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. So we'll have
- 22 to leave it at that.
- 23 We did have a discussion. We sat down
- 24 and had a discussion about my decision to retire?
- 25 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I remember

- 1 you standing in the doorway that day and it was a
- 2 short discussion.
- 3 MR. TIM FRYER: I can remember us
- 4 sitting down and having a discussion about going
- 5 forward with my retirement. Do you --
- 6 MR. MARCUS OSTROWERKA: Is there a
- 7 question there?

- 9 CONTINUED BY MR. TIM FRYER:
- 10 MR. TIM FRYER: Do you recall that?
- 11 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Was it a
- 12 different day than this particular one (1) that we're
- 13 speaking of?
- 14 MR. TIM FRYER: It was after I'd
- 15 spoken to Mr. Houghton.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: It may have
- 17 been on a different day, yes.
- 18 MR. TIM FRYER: So at that meeting I
- 19 conveyed to you the concern about the impact that
- 20 would -- it would have on you, because of course I was
- 21 retiring and our plan had been for me to retire in
- 22 2014. Do you recall that?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes, I recall
- 24 that there was going to be a five-year period where
- 25 you would transfer information and assist me to help

- 1 learning the company.
- 2 MR. TIM FRYER: But I did convey to
- 3 you that I was concerned about the impact on you of me
- 4 retiring?
- 5 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes, you did.
- 6 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. Did you have a
- 7 sense that I was unhappy about the impact on you, so
- 8 generally my retirement in general?
- 9 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I felt like
- 10 you were very kind about it and you were concerned
- 11 that it was putting me in a difficult spot.
- MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. Do you recall
- 13 me telling you I had every confidence in your ability,
- 14 because that's why I chose you?
- 15 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 16 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. You indicated
- 17 that prior to our meeting you had a sense I was
- 18 unhappy with the sale, but never said anything to you
- 19 about it whatsoever.
- 20 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Correct.
- 21 MR. TIM FRYER: Thank you. And there
- 22 were plenty of opportunities, including our
- 23 significant discussion meeting, since we worked so
- 24 closely together as part of your training?
- 25 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Correct.

1 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. So -- so we did

- 2 have the significant discussion, and I do not recall
- 3 at all the -- the other conversation.
- 4 So is it possible you sensed I was
- 5 unhappy about my retirement decision, if the OEB
- 6 approved the sale?
- 7 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Just my
- 8 feeling was that you were not particularly happy with
- 9 the sale, but that is just my opinion of what I
- 10 thought.
- 11 MR. TIM FRYER: But -- I'm asking you
- 12 if you sensed perhaps that I was unhappy about having
- 13 to retire.
- 14 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I don't know
- 15 that you had to retire, so I thought you decided that
- 16 you wanted to retire.
- 17 MR. TIM FRYER: I can understand I
- 18 hadn't expressed it to you. I'm talking about before
- 19 the decision.
- 20 So I can understand just as I just
- 21 asked about the sense of me being upset because I was
- 22 going to be retiring, was maybe that's what you were
- 23 seeing?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Maybe.
- MR. TIM FRYER: Okay, thank you.

I think it'd be illogical to think

- 2 about -- that since I had reached that decision,
- 3 obviously privately, there was a chance that it may
- 4 not be approved, right? So I wouldn't say anything to
- 5 you prior to the OEB announcement because there was a
- 6 chance the OEB may say no.
- 7 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: It was
- 8 directly after the OEB made the announcement.
- 9 MR. TIM FRYER: I'm just talking about
- 10 that unhappiness that you sensed --
- 11 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 12 MR. TIM FRYER: -- right? And that I
- 13 hadn't conveyed it to you. And all I'm saying is it
- 14 makes sense that I wouldn't convey it to you until
- 15 after the OEB made their decision, because there was a
- 16 chance that they may not.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Correct.
- 18 MR. TIM FRYER: So if it was approved,
- 19 there was going to be this shorter timeline for you
- 20 and I, right? And it was what we had agreed on, just
- 21 what you said, we were looking at about a four (4) or
- 22 five (5) year window?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 24 MR. TIM FRYER: Yes. So that change
- 25 and the impact on all finance colleagues was the major

- 1 reason for my commitment to provide cost-free service
- 2 for a year after my retirement date. I wasn't
- 3 required though, so that was very good.
- 4 Did I ever discuss being stressed with
- 5 you?
- 6 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No, that was
- 7 just my observation.
- 8 MR. TIM FRYER: And you feel
- 9 comfortable in saying I was?
- 10 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I was
- 11 concerned, yes, that you were -- about how you were
- 12 doing.
- 13 MR. TIM FRYER: I'll convey to you
- 14 that I was concerned as well for you, because we were
- 15 in the same boat.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 17 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. I'm going to
- 18 move on now to Mr. Neate's evidence.
- 19 So your item number 4, I'm sorry, I
- 20 won't be -- I want that to stay up, so just scroll 4
- 21 up a little bit.
- 22 Item 4 refers to you being advised from
- 23 Mr. Houghton, December 2nd, about a December 2nd
- 24 meeting that Mr. Neate had strongly expressed his
- 25 opposition to the sale?

- 1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 2 MR. TIM FRYER: Mr. Neate has stated
- 3 he didn't make those submissions at that meeting.
- 4 Did he expressly -- or did he directly
- 5 express concerns to you?
- 6 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Ed Houghton?
- 7 MR. TIM FRYER: Mr. Neate.
- 8 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Mr. -- Mr.
- 9 Neate? No. I was not in attendance at whatever
- 10 meeting it was where his concerns were brought forth.
- 11 MR. TIM FRYER: As I said, he didn't
- 12 directly express anything to you?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No.
- 14 MR. TIM FRYER: Mr. Neate has said
- 15 that he did not make those --
- 16 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: This -- this
- 17 is through Mr. Houghton.
- 18 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. Relating back
- 19 to your earlier review of what we just talked about,
- 20 did Mr. Houghton ever indicate to you that I was
- 21 opposed to the sale?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No.
- MR. TIM FRYER: So item 7. So you say
- 24 here that his comments were a tipping point, which Mr.
- 25 Neate is saying he didn't make.

- 1 Is that still your thoughts then?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. So you also say
- 4 prior to December 2nd, 11th, here you say:
- 5 "Collus had concerns with his work
- 6 as primary audit partner."
- 7 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 8 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. Through June to
- 9 December, did I as Chief Financial Officer, the one
- 10 (1) working most directly with Mr. Neate, indicate
- 11 this to you?
- 12 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No.
- MR. TIM FRYER: On May 16th, Mr.
- 14 McFadden testified he had no problem with Mr. Neate.
- 15 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Correct.
- 16 MR. TIM FRYER: So who is Collus
- 17 you're referring to here?
- 18 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: This was in
- 19 the period between January and March that Ed Houghton
- 20 was expressing more so his concerns about Ralph Neate
- 21 and he had asked -- requested from me a number of
- 22 times to be looking at an alternative because he was
- 23 unhappy with the work.
- 24 MR. TIM FRYER: So it was Mr.
- 25 Houghton?

- 1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 2 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. So item 9, your
- 3 note about not participating in any discussions about
- 4 the impact of selling shares in Collus Holding on
- 5 shared services, is that correct?
- 6 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Sorry,
- 7 paragraph 9?
- 8 MR. TIM FRYER: Yes, paragraph 9.
- 9 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 10 MR. TIM FRYER: I agree with that
- 11 because I don't recall there were any -- it wouldn't
- 12 have a direct impact or -- or possibly if it was done
- 13 just in a normal stead, right?
- 14 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I think
- 15 that's why it wasn't discussed, because it shouldn't
- 16 have an impact in -- in any way. There was no assets
- 17 in it or energy or the holding company. So I think
- 18 that's why it wasn't discussed.
- 19 MR. TIM FRYER: Yes. It made sense
- 20 that it could be done, I mean we were already doing it
- 21 in the one (1) corporation if it ended up in the other
- 22 corporation.
- 23 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes. It
- 24 should have been irrelevant.
- 25 MR. TIM FRYER: So there hadn't been

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1 any discussions. But -- and as you've explained, it
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- 2 would be the partners involved and the corporation
- 3 structure changes if we were thinking of dissolving
- 4 Solutions at that point in time, those would be the
- 5 kind of factors that would -- would -- would
- 6 necessitate discussions, I guess.
- 7 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 8 MR. TIM FRYER: You also say you
- 9 recall the letter agreement that we were -- that
- 10 counsel for Justice was earlier talking about, the
- 11 July 31st agreement for services to be continuing on
- 12 after the closing?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 14 MR. TIM FRYER: So when do you recall
- 15 becoming aware of that letter?
- 16 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I -- I
- 17 definitely was aware of the shorter letter that we
- 18 looked at on the screen this morning from the mayor
- 19 indicating the services would continue.
- 20 I -- I may have seen the other longer
- 21 one, but I just can't recall it at this time.
- 22 MR. TIM FRYER: So as -- I'm going to
- 23 ask you about the other one, but this July 31st one,
- 24 which as you say is the more detailed one, right?
- 25 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.

- 1 MR. TIM FRYER: I was trying to get a
- 2 sense if it was shortly after, was it before September
- 3 30th?
- 4 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: The mayor's
- 5 letter came in March and that PowerStream letter was
- 6 in July. I think it was dated July 31st, 2012. Yes.
- 7 MR. TIM FRYER: Yes, okay.
- 8 So -- and I -- and I was there at that
- 9 point in time, but I don't recall it either.
- 10 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Okay, yes.
- 11 MR. TIM FRYER: So if we could go to
- 12 Appendix A, we -- we've been in this a little bit and
- 13 -- and it is to look at the February 26th portion of
- 14 that email. If we could just scroll down.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Okay.
- 16 MR. TIM FRYER: And down so we can see
- 17 the whole fourth -- it's kind of the fourth bullet
- 18 that I'm looking at right now.
- 19 So if we look at the fourth bullet,
- 20 there's a four-part paragraph you've put down there.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: M-hm.
- 22 MR. TIM FRYER: And -- and -- and
- 23 you'd be familiar with the content, we've look at it a
- 24 couple of times.
- Do you believe those are appropriate

- 1 comments to be making about one (1) firm to another
- 2 firm?
- 3 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes. It's
- 4 required when you're switching firms to give a reason
- 5 for why you would be leaving the previous firm and
- 6 it's considered a very serious thing to switch firms.
- 7 So they -- the auditors need to know
- 8 the reason in detail for why you're wanting to move.
- 9 MR. TIM FRYER: And naming names of
- 10 people as well?
- 11 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I would think
- 12 so, because he -- he was the partner there.
- 13 MR. TIM FRYER: A last look down at
- 14 the one (1) that says "and yes", just -- you have to
- 15 scroll a little bit. There -- there's good.
- 16 So in here you refer to Tim being on a
- 17 leave of absence.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 19 MR. TIM FRYER: Do you feel that's an
- 20 appropriate comment to make in that email?
- 21 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I think that
- 22 it's reflective of the work that was involved at that
- 23 time, yes. There's nothing specific.
- 24 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay, so you do see
- 25 "leave of absence" which is unlike some other evidence

- 1 that's been submitted, but did you share at any other
- 2 time by email, telephone, or conversation, this detail
- 3 about me with anyone else at this firm?
- 4 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No.
- 5 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. I received a
- 6 phone call three minutes out of the office after being
- 7 told I was being on leave, on February 2nd, 2012, from
- 8 a colleague at another LDC, asking about me being on
- 9 leave.
- 10 I had then -- I had been told the -- at
- 11 the time when -- when Mr. Houghton and Ms. Hogg met
- 12 with me, just ten (10) minutes before, that they were
- 13 the only two (2) in the Board that knew about it.
- 14 But you're saying you never talked to
- 15 anybody else?
- 16 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No. I mean,
- 17 it would come up -- it may have come up in general
- 18 conversation that you weren't currently there if
- 19 people were asking where you were. Obviously, two (2)
- 20 months is a long period of time.
- 21 MR. TIM FRYER: When do you recall --
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No, I never
- 23 provided any details about where you were or why you
- 24 were away.
- MR. TIM FRYER: So, as I said,

- 1 February 2nd at 9:20 probably in the morning I left
- 2 the office. When do you recall being told that I was
- 3 going to be on leave?
- 4 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Tim, I can't
- 5 recall in that kind of detail that many years ago, but
- 6 I definitely was not sharing any personal information
- 7 about you.
- 8 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. So, for the
- 9 next part, to assist reading my review, I wanted to go
- 10 over some of my earlier testimony. So, I was going to
- 11 ask for the May 14th transcript to be please brought
- 12 up.

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14 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 16 MR. TIM FRYER: And to page 91, lines
- 17 438. And it says:
- 18 "The new structure to meet the
- 19 Electricity Act, I felt that the
- shared employees should say in the
- 21 public utilities rather than move
- them into the service company with
- the OBA structure. I wasn't
- 24 successful with that."
- 25 That is about when Solutions was

- 1 decided on.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Okay.
- 3 MR. TIM FRYER: Does that make sense?
- 4 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 5 MR. TIM FRYER: I didn't want it. It
- 6 refers back to 2001. And it would have been much
- 7 earlier if the employees were in the public utilities
- 8 because we'd only be doing charges directly over the
- 9 power then. Would you agree?
- 10 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: It may have
- 11 removed one (1) other level of company, yes.
- 12 MR. TIM FRYER: So, if we can go to
- 13 page 20, lines 8 to 13. And this is a response to one
- 14 (1) of Justice Marrocco's questions. And so, it's
- 15 lines 8 to 13, and I'll just read it for the record.
- 16 "I had made that comment to the
- Board and to Mr. Houghton, that I
- had felt one (1) thing that really
- 19 needed to be worked out before we
- 20 went through an exercise of a sale
- 21 would be to get our shared services
- in order."
- So, the same thought as yours?
- 24 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I agree, that
- 25 would have been good.

- 1 MR. TIM FRYER: And I agree. And --
- 2 and, as well, I believe everyone was working on that
- 3 premise, things like Mr. Do -- Macdonald being a
- 4 Solutions employee, which I opposed at the outset when
- 5 that first took place, too. And you noted about that
- 6 yesterday?
- 7 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 8 MR. TIM FRYER: And I -- and, again,
- 9 we agree on that. And I -- and I will get to that in
- 10 -- in a moment, as well. So, if we could look at 168,
- 11 lines 3 to 7.
- So, this is explaining my understanding
- 13 back in March 2012. So, I'm going to read it.
- 14 "I had explained that around March,
- as far as I was concerned, the
- 16 duties on taking forward amendments
- to the service agreements had been
- 18 turned over -- it says -- to Ms.
- 19 Shuttleworth and Mr. Houghton."
- 20 And I believe, if you notice the double
- 21 end there, I had been thinking in the back of my mind
- 22 I should really rephrase that to be Mr. Houghton with
- 23 assistance from Ms. Shuttleworth. That's just a
- 24 reflection to you about that particular part of the
- 25 testimony.

- 1 So, the first question I have relating
- 2 to this is, do you recall that in March 2012 there was
- 3 that other letter of agreement that you were talking
- 4 about, the shorter one (1), first the shared services?
- 5 So, you do recall that?
- 6 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 7 MR. TIM FRYER: So, if we could bring
- 8 up TOC0117382. And I will ask for this to be an
- 9 exhibit. And that should be good there, I think.
- 10 Maybe just if we could see -- oh, the date's at the
- 11 right-hand side there.
- 12 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: So,
- 13 you want this made an exhibit?
- MR. TIM FRYER: Yes, please.
- 15 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: This
- 16 will be an exhibit, yes, the next exhibit.

- 18 CONTINUED BY MR. TIM FRYER:
- 19 MR. TIM FRYER: So, this is an email
- 20 from Mr. Houghton and you're -- you're carboned on it,
- 21 okay, and I'm not, regarding a key point in the
- 22 transaction closing work, the share purpose agreement
- 23 release.
- The last part of the first sentence
- 25 says:

- 1 "...and side letter regarding
- 2 service agreements from escrow."
- 3 So, as I said, you were copied with
- 4 this, but you don't recall specifically about that
- 5 letter?
- 6 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: So, the first
- 7 sentence is:
- 8 "It is with great pleasure that I
- 9 advise you that late yesterday
- 10 afternoon we were in a position to
- 11 release the share purchase agreement
- and side letter regarding the
- service agreements from escrow."
- 14 So, yes, I received this in -- this
- 15 email.
- 16 MR. TIM FRYER: I'm just saying --
- 17 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: The side
- 18 letter meaning the initial short letter that was done
- 19 in March. That sounds correct to me, yes.
- 20 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. So, then if we
- 21 could bring up CPS0009196 00001. And these are the
- 22 minutes from a joint Collus meeting on March 23rd.
- 23 Now, we'll note that neither you or I are attending
- 24 that. Do you see that?
- 25 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.

- 1 MR. TIM FRYER: So, if we could go to
- 2 the bottom of part -- of page 3, the bottom part of
- 3 page 3. And if we can catch the top part of page 4
- 4 and keep that paragraph. That's perfect, except --
- 5 yeah, okay. The page number's gone.
- I would ask for this to be an exhibit,
- 7 Your Honour.
- 8 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: This
- 9 will be the next exhibit.
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- 11 CONTINUED BY MR. TIM FRYER:
- MR. TIM FRYER: So, Mr. Houghton is --
- 13 if you take a look and maybe take a moment just to
- 14 read through before I ask you anything about it.
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- 16 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Okay.
- MR. TIM FRYER: So, it's about
- 20 agreements and structure. Would you agree?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. TIM FRYER: And the last part --
- 23 or -- or the second last sentence, I quess:
- 24 "Mr. Houghton suggested that we
- leave our current model in place and

118 react when further changes take 1 2 place." 3 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes. MR. TIM FRYER: You see that? Okay. 5 If we could bring up CPS0003130. 6 7 (BRIEF PAUSE) MR. TIM FRYER: And, Justice Marrocco, 9 I would ask for this to be an exhibit. 10 11 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: It'll 12 be the next exhibit. 13 14 CONTINUED BY MR. TIM FRYER: 15 MR. TIM FRYER: So, this is my detailed May -- March 26, 2012, email to Mr. Houghton 17 and yourself? 18 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes. 19 MR. TIM FRYER: And it is regarding 20 shared services? 21 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes. 22 MR. TIM FRYER: You can see the -- the highlight there. So, it explains everything to date 24 of the shared service agreements that are in place. 25 And I wanted to review the first paragraph, just the

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1 header paragraph, I guess. So, it says:
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- 2 "Ed, as per our conversations last
- 3 week, I have collected the current
- 4 service agreement information that
- 5 we are operating by.
- I'll put a short line -- outline
- 7 together in this email and place the
- 8 various printed copies in your
- 9 basket."
- 10 So, this was when I was providing the
- 11 requested info from the week before because it was
- 12 going to be handled as part of the final closing work.
- 13 I had been advised prior to that that I would not be
- 14 working on any of that task.
- So, it would be -- and you've
- 16 described, actually, earlier the detailed work that
- 17 you would be assisting with to do the closing?
- 18 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 19 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. So, was there
- 20 any work that you can recall that I worked on for
- 21 those close -- the closing of the transaction in -- in
- 22 those final four (4) to five (5) months?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Not that I
- 24 can recall.
- 25 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. So, looking

- 1 further at the email content -- and we'd have to go
- 2 down to number 12. And it's -- I'm going to read the
- 3 sentence.
- 4 "I believe this is other information
- 5 that could be useful when
- determining the service agreements."
- 7 So, it appears like I'm handing it off
- 8 to somebody. Does that make sense?
- 9 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I took it as
- 10 an information providing email.

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12 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 14 MR. TIM FRYER: So, the first sentence
- 15 in the next paragraph:
- "As I understand, the intention is
- to take all the current agreements
- 18 and determine the new service
- 19 agreement structure that will be in
- 20 place going forward."
- 21 So, the similar -- similar wording to
- 22 what was in the earlier one (1) that we verified. So,
- 23 to -- understanding the intention, again, appears to
- 24 be handing it off?
- 25 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I did not

- 1 understand it that way, and no one (1) conveyed to me
- 2 that you wouldn't be working on that work anymore, as
- 3 well as the amount of work I had on my plate, it would
- 4 not have even been possible.
- 5 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. So just for
- 6 final reference at the last half, so just scroll down
- 7 a little bit more. The last half of the last
- 8 sentence, so scroll a little more. No. I guess -- I
- 9 guess in the last paragraph, yes.
- 10 So we can discuss this in more detail
- 11 when you want, but I thought it was important to point
- 12 this out now for during the decision-making process.
- So again, the email is directed to
- 14 Mr. Houghton. You're only copied.
- 15 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 16 MR. TIM FRYER: Right? But it appears
- 17 to be that -- I am assuming that some decision-
- 18 making's going to be done, and then we would be
- 19 talking about it.
- 20 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes. We were
- 21 quite aware that something needed to be done with the
- 22 Shared Service Agreements.
- 23 MR. TIM FRYER: But as I said, this
- 24 was directed to Mr. Houghton, and I'm expecting the
- 25 decision is to be made.

- 1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 2 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. Great. Thank
- 3 you. So if we could bring up TOC0515646?

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5 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- 7 MR. TIM FRYER: And then we'll ask for
- 8 this to be an exhibit.
- 9 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: The
- 10 next exhibit.

- 12 CONTINUED BY MR. TIM FRYER:
- 13 MR. TIM FRYER: And this is joint
- 14 meeting, April 16th, 2012. Just scroll a little bit.
- 15 Although our names are showing, what I was showing
- 16 there is that both you and I are in attendance at this
- 17 particular meeting.
- 18 If we just scroll a little bit down,
- 19 just scroll a little more to the finance items and
- 20 just hold it there.
- 21 What I'm looking at here is I am there,
- 22 but it appears that I am only there to be in the loop
- 23 as I don't report on anything. And I don't ever
- 24 remember being at a Board meeting and not reporting on
- 25 something. You report on IFRS and loan discussions.

- 1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 2 MR. TIM FRYER: And I think if we
- 3 scroll a little bit more, there's a -- page 2 -- a
- 4 meeting with PowerStream and securing the loan and
- 5 such. So all closing matters. So this points again
- 6 to me not being involved in the closing.
- 7 And one (1) note, too, that under the
- 8 HR item -- so if you just scroll down, there'll be an
- 9 HR item -- this is the one (1) where it says:
- 10 "The Board is informed of acting CAO
- 11 appointment for Mr. Houghton."
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 13 MR. TIM FRYER:
- "It was viewed as a great
- opportunity to demonstrate the
- efficiencies and economies we have
- 17 with the Town."
- 18 Would you agree with that?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. TIM FRYER: I would, too.
- 21 Mr. McFadden agreed that also with -- with this -- as
- 22 a perfect scenario because Mr. Houghton now was the
- 23 head of the three (3) shared services partners.
- 24 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. TIM FRYER: But I know many

- 1 factors had to be sorted out before close on
- 2 July 31st. So not before the letter had to be done,
- 3 right? Because they just couldn't be all worked out.
- 4 So regarding that amendment letter --
- 5 right -- we were -- that's the July 31st one (1) that
- 6 I'm referring to?
- 7 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: M-hm.
- 8 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. And you had
- 9 said that you weren't aware of it, and you weren't
- 10 sure kind of when you became aware of it.
- 11 So before ending, I believe the
- 12 intention was always that we'll get them done, and the
- 13 preference would be as soon as possible. But the
- 14 possible depended on PowerStream as much as anything
- 15 up to the closing, sorting things out with
- 16 PowerStream.
- 17 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I -- I think
- 18 we needed to sort things out with the Town of
- 19 Collingwood and the water company.
- MR. TIM FRYER: As well.
- 21 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I -- I didn't
- 22 see PowerStream as being as involved in it as the
- 23 existing people that were in the partnership, the
- 24 Shared Service Agreements.
- MR. TIM FRYER: Do you recall we were

- 1 thinking of some services coming from PowerStream
- 2 fairly --
- 3 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 4 MR. TIM FRYER: -- new in to it?
- 5 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 6 MR. TIM FRYER: Like, for instance,
- 7 the 24/7 call line and that type of thing?
- 8 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes. After
- 9 close --
- 10 MR. TIM FRYER: And possibly GIS. I
- 11 don't know for certain on that 'cause I don't know how
- 12 it was progressing.
- 13 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 14 MR. TIM FRYER: But that's what I was
- 15 alluding to is that PowerStream was chosen as the
- 16 partner because we thought there was some tremendous
- 17 advantage to getting services from them to assist.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 19 MR. TIM FRYER: So that's what I meant
- 20 about sorting that out. We'd need to know what
- 21 services they were going to be doing as well as, as
- 22 you said, the water and anything directly to the Town.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 24 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. So the next one
- 25 (1) I want to refer to, you mentioned earlier about

Transcript Date May 17, 2019 126 Mr. MacDonald, you know, and I was going to circle back to it? So I wanted to bring up DFA0000039. 3 (BRIEF PAUSE) 5 6 MR. TIM FRYER: So this is that Water and Wastewater Service Review. I think you just scroll a little to show the date, June 22nd -- yes --'15. So if we could go to slide 40? 9 10 11 (BRIEF PAUSE) 12 13 MR. TIM FRYER: You're familiar with 14 15 this? 16 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No. 17 MR. TIM FRYER: This is the high-level 18 report of savings generated by services being brought back into the town. 19 20 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Who -- who's

- 21 DFA Infrastructure International?
- MR. TIM FRYER: Okay.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: You
- 24 know, Mr. Fryer, is it going to be useful to ask a
- 25 witness about a document that she's not familiar with?

- 1 Is there -- is there going to be a question out of
- 2 that that is useful?
- 3 MR. TIM FRYER: I was simply just
- 4 going to -- because I knew Ms. Shuttleworth had
- 5 expressed concern about this because I was a member of
- 6 Council. But if she doesn't recall right now,
- 7 that's -- I can understand that.
- 8 So I was just going to simply make the
- 9 comment that this is estimation, right? And in my
- 10 opinion not a complete report because it didn't look
- 11 at all the factors?
- 12 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Is --
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 14 I don't know how the witness -- if the witness is not
- 15 familiar with the document --
- 16 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I'm starting
- 17 to --
- 18 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: No,
- 19 no, Ms. Shuttleworth. Hang on.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Okay.
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: If
- 22 you're starting to remember the document, that's one
- 23 (1) thing. If you don't know anything, I just don't
- 24 understand how the witness can agree that a document
- 25 does something when the witness has said I -- I don't

- 1 recognize the document.
- 2 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I -- I think
- 3 I am starting to recall.
- 4 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Oh,
- 5 yes. All right. All right. Well, I...

- 7 CONTINUED BY MR. TIM FRYER:
- 8 MR. TIM FRYER: I was just going to
- 9 say I could perhaps ask it a different way. But I'm --
- 10 I did believe you'd recall this high-level estimate.
- 11 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I believe
- 12 this is a page from one (1) of the consultants that
- 13 did a study of the Shared Service Agreement and what
- 14 potential savings they could make by discontinuing it.
- 15 Would that -- is -- am --
- 16 MR. TIM FRYER: So you're correct.
- 17 And -- and estimated.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 19 MR. TIM FRYER: Yes. That -- that was
- 20 the main --
- 21 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: And yes, I
- 22 disagree -- I disagreed with the savings that they
- 23 were potentially assuming they could have.
- 24 MR. TIM FRYER: Because the report
- 25 wasn't all-encompassing like it needed to be.

- 1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: It -- I felt
- 2 it was inaccurate, and the way that it specifically
- 3 dealt with burdens was incorrect.
- 4 MR. TIM FRYER: So the water and
- 5 wastewater financial plan that will be worked on this
- 6 year will give us actuals and be able to do some
- 7 comparisons.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 9 MR. TIM FRYER: So I can move on from
- 10 that one, and I bring up CJI0006676.

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12 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 14 MR. TIM FRYER: Judge Marrocco, I
- 15 can't remember if I asked for an exhibit for that
- 16 previous one?
- 17 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: It'll
- 18 be -- I'll make it an exhibit to be the next exhibit.
- 19 MR. TIM FRYER: And I'll be making
- 20 this an exhibit.
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO:
- 22 Well --
- MR. TIM FRYER: This slide that I'll
- 24 ask for here. This will be my last one.
- 25 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: --

- 1 well, let's ask the witness if she has any knowledge
- 2 about it.
- 3 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. Yeah.
- 4 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I'm
- 5 not being very difficult about making documents
- 6 exhibits but...

- 8 CONTINUED BY MR. TIM FRYER:
- 9 MR. TIM FRYER: So this is Services
- 10 Agreement review -- report that went to Council, and
- 11 I'm going to look at the slide 29. There's actual
- 12 information there, so that's what I'm going to key on.
- 13 I think you will recall this one, too, because I am
- 14 sure you expressed displeasure about this one.
- But what I wanted to key on was the
- 16 column -- the fifth column "actual expenditures paid
- 17 by CPU to SERVCO," and SERVCO was Solutions, right?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 19 MR. TIM FRYER: So this actually --
- 20 that column puts a quantum to the yearly amount of
- 21 charge that was going over to the water department and
- 22 being paid.
- 23 We've talked quite a bit about service
- 24 over the last few days, and I -- and would you agree
- 25 this is an important element for this proceeding to

- 1 have so they can see those quantums of what that cost
- 2 would be?
- 3 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I don't
- 4 recall this one (1) as much as I could somewhat recall
- 5 the other one. But in general, I remember my reaction
- 6 to it was that it wasn't fairly presented.
- 7 MR. TIM FRYER: The other columns?
- 8 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I can't
- 9 recall what specifically about it I was thinking
- 10 wasn't correct. I'm just trying to look at all this
- 11 info -- it's a lot of columns and numbers, but --
- MR. TIM FRYER: And I don't -- I
- 13 didn't want you to --
- 14 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I -- I --
- 15 overall my impression was it wasn't a fair
- 16 presentation to --
- 17 MR. TIM FRYER: But do you agree the
- 18 actual figures would be the actual figures? I know
- 19 you don't have your books in front of you.
- 20 Maybe I could ask --
- 21 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I couldn't
- 22 say it with any certainty, no. I -- I just can't.
- MR. TIM FRYER: I could ask a question
- 24 I think that may help with that.
- So at the bottom, 2014, in that column

- 1 you notice it's 718668?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 3 MR. TIM FRYER: And the year before it
- 4 was 921 --
- 5 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 6 MR. TIM FRYER: -- and -- and change.
- 7 Would that be the year, the first full year that Brian
- 8 MacDonald was out and over to the Town, as he should
- 9 have been?
- 10 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I think that
- 11 that makes sense, yes.
- 12 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. And that's --
- 13 that's good enough. I'm -- you haven't seen this
- 14 slide for a while and that -- that was what I was
- 15 trying to -- to --
- 16 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I'll
- 17 make it an exhibit, Mr. Fryer.
- 18 MR. TIM FRYER: Thank you very much.
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- 20 CONTINUED BY MR. TIM FRYER:
- 21 MR. TIM FRYER: I'd just ask in
- 22 regards to this part of the questioning, do you have
- 23 any further thoughts to what I've asked about in
- 24 relation to the information that was going to Council
- 25 is what I've presented here?

- 1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No.
- 2 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay, so that all
- 3 being said, I believe those are my questions, Justice
- 4 Marrocco.
- 5 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Before
- 6 the next questioner, is there some reason why someone,
- 7 perhaps a former employee or -- couldn't have been
- 8 hired and specifically tasked with coming to a final
- 9 resolution about what these shared services -- what --
- 10 what the shared services agreements would be going
- 11 forward?
- I appreciate what you've said, it would
- 13 be too much work for the existing staff to do, I
- 14 understand that.
- 15 Is there some reason why someone
- 16 couldn't have been hired to do this?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: It's more the
- 18 amount of time it takes with the lawyers to draft,
- 19 review, send it to different parties, have them
- 20 comment, edit, send back, that process with the
- 21 lawyers tends to take a long period of time.
- 22 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: But --
- 23 but forgetting about the lawyers for a minute, just in
- 24 terms of what you -- what had to be done financially
- 25 to get -- to pull those agreements together in a way

- 1 where going forward the expenses were portioned, is
- 2 there -- is there some reason why someone couldn't
- 3 have been called in to -- to do that specific
- 4 function?
- 5 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: And that --
- 6 that was the case. We had tra -- basically through
- 7 the lawyers we would pick someone who was accustomed
- 8 to dealing with that kind of work and they would draft
- 9 the agreements for us.
- 10 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: And
- 11 it's not the drafting of the -- I appreciate that
- 12 lawyers have to draft the agreements and very often in
- 13 these commercial transactions the hours the lawyers
- 14 work to -- to bring them together and close them are -
- 15 are quite significant.
- 16 But they -- they can't work with what
- 17 they don't have and -- and what I was understanding
- 18 you to say is finance was working so hard that there
- 19 was just no way it could spend any additional time the
- 20 -- the significant amount of time it would take to
- 21 sort out all the financial services on a going forward
- 22 basis.
- 23 So I guess my question is -- is -- is
- 24 there some reason why an additional person couldn't
- 25 have been added to sort that part of it out so that on

- 1 July 31st this issue wouldn't have been -- it wouldn't
- 2 have been necessary to deal with it in the way that it
- 3 was?
- 4 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes, that
- 5 could be a possibility.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: And --
- 7 and was it discussed or just -- just never -- nobody
- 8 talked about it or?
- 9 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I -- I don't
- 10 recall that coming up as an option, discussed.
- 11 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: All
- 12 right, thank you.
- Who's next? Mr. Watson...?
- 14 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Your Honour, I
- 15 think no one in this room is going to be disappointed
- 16 to hear that I have no questions.
- 17 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well -
- 18 well, I am, Mr. Watson.
- 19 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: In that case,
- 20 Your Honour, I have the following --
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I'm
- 22 sorry, Mr. Watson, your time is up.
- Mr. Bonwick...?
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you.
- 25 Unfortunately, I will not be following his path.

1 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: That's

2 fine.

- 4 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. PAUL BONWICK
- 5 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Maybe I'll come up
- 6 there. Good afternoon, Ms. Shuttleworth.
- 7 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Good
- 8 afternoon.
- 9 MR. PAUL BONWICK: I'm Paul Bonwick, a
- 10 participant at the hearing, representing myself.
- 11 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Nice to meet
- 12 you.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: There's a couple of
- 14 small housekeeping matters, just to sort of satisfy my
- 15 own mind that I wanted to address with you.
- 16 But before I do so, I just wanted to
- 17 put a couple of questions to you regarding any
- 18 communications we may or may not have had.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 20 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Do you recall at
- 21 any time me emailing, calling, dropping by the office
- 22 to speak to you about the process leading up to the
- 23 RFP or the -- the formation of the documents or
- 24 subsequently following up after the formations of the
- 25 documents?

- 1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No.
- 2 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you.
- I just wanted to quickly go to the
- 4 point that's been raised on a couple of occasions
- 5 related to you reaching out to a separate or a
- 6 different accounting firm with an explanation of why
- 7 you were doing so.
- 8 Would you consider it normal or
- 9 standard operating procedure that a president and a
- 10 CEO or Board members might be very interested in the
- 11 CFO's opinion of going to one (1) particular
- 12 accounting firm over another?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 14 MR. PAUL BONWICK: With regards to
- 15 bonuses, you've spoke to the fact that bonuses had
- 16 been issued in the past in a similar fashion.
- 17 Based on your understanding within the
- 18 LDC sector, is this a common practice within the LDC
- 19 sector?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 21 MR. PAUL BONWICK: In your capacity as
- 22 a CPA and CPGA -- did I get that right?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: It's
- 24 Chartered Professional Accountant, Certified General
- 25 Accountant.

- 1 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Right, thank you.
- So, in your experience prior to working
- 3 for Collus and subsequently working for Collus, would
- 4 you consider it appropriate if you were sitting in on
- 5 a meeting to offer an opinion on a buy-sell provision
- 6 within a shareholder's agreement?
- 7 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Sorry, can --
- 8 can you say that --
- 9 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Sure. So in your
- 10 professional capacity would you deem it reasonable
- 11 that if you were brought into the meeting to provide
- 12 comment or hear comments related to the accounting
- 13 side of the equation, would you feel it appropriate
- 14 for you to offer advice or comments on other portions
- 15 of the agreement that was being constructed, for
- 16 example, a buy-sell provision within an agreement?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I don't -- I
- 18 don't know if I could speculate on that. I wasn't
- 19 invited into the meeting to provide any --
- 20 MR. PAUL BONWICK: I -- I appreciate
- 21 that and I'm trying to speak in a general sense, not
- 22 specific to this. But if under any circumstances, in
- 23 your former life or in this one, you were asked to sit
- 24 in on a meeting, would you typically comment on
- 25 matters unrelated to the accounting?

- 1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No.
- 2 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Was it your
- 3 understanding, as the CFO coming out of the
- 4 transaction, that one (1) of the more significant
- 5 priorities, beyond shared services and rates of
- 6 return, one (1) of the more significant priorities was
- 7 a desire to expand the LDC footprint and potentially
- 8 incorporate others, whether that be through
- 9 amalgamation, partnership agreements, any such
- 10 opportunity that might exist?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: In your
- 13 professional capacity, would you believe it reasonable
- 14 to assume that with those opportunities might come
- 15 greater economic benefit for the shareholder?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Absolutely.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: And so you would
- 18 see the potential or that expansion benefiting
- 19 Collingwood?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.

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22 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 24 MR. PAUL BONWICK: These are
- 25 significant transactions that can represent many

- 1 millions of dollars.
- 2 Would you agree that they tend to be
- 3 somewhat politically sensitive when especially smaller
- 4 communities are looking at them?
- 5 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 6 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Did you believe
- 7 that there was potentially several opportunities in
- 8 the first year to grow and engage other regional LDCs
- 9 to become part of the Collus PowerStream family?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes, there
- 11 was a lot of interest.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Would it,
- 13 therefore, make sense to you that Collus PowerStream
- 14 might seek outside counsel or consulting support in
- 15 order to drive that opportunity and to engage other
- 16 municipalities?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Are you aware of my
- 19 background as a former member of Parliament
- 20 representing the riding of Simcoe-Grey?
- 21 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Not
- 22 particularly, no, but I have learned that through news
- 23 articles, yes.
- 24 MR. PAUL BONWICK: You're aware of
- 25 that now. Is that safe to say?

- 1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 2 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And are you aware
- 3 of the fact that the riding of Simcoe-Grey hosts
- 4 approximately twelve (12) different municipal
- 5 jurisdictions, or it used to? Are you familiar with
- 6 the -- the --
- 7 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I --
- 8 MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- composite of
- 9 Simcoe-Grey?
- 10 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I have --
- 11 I've never voted before in my life, so, no.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Okay. In your
- 13 testimony and in your affidavit you indicated that you
- 14 were aware that it was either the president (sic) or
- 15 involved with Compenso government relations and public
- 16 relations firm located in Simcoe-Grey?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Sorry, I
- 18 was...
- 19 MR. PAUL BONWICK: That's okay. In
- 20 your earlier testimony or in your affidavit --
- 21 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- it appeared to
- 23 me you confirmed that you were aware of the fact that
- 24 I was part of the Compenso organization and that it
- 25 focussed on government relations and public relations?

1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Became aware

- 2 of that, yes.
- 3 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And so, this
- 4 question has to really be specific in terms of the
- 5 area of time, so I'll say pre the CBC News story.
- 6 Would it make sense to you that, as a consultant
- 7 providing services, government relations, and public
- 8 relations within this region and based on my
- 9 background, that I might be an ideal candidate to help
- 10 achieve Collus PowerStream's objectives in terms of
- 11 engaging other municipalities.
- 12 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes, that
- 13 makes sense to me.
- 14 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you. Did you
- 15 -- and I may have missed this, if I did, I apologize.
- 16 Were you part of the call Mr. Houghton made to me when
- 17 he terminated my services?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: No.
- 19 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you.

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21 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. PAUL BONWICK: In your capacity as
- 24 a -- in your professional capacity rather than mess up
- 25 the acronyms -- in your professional capacity as a

- 1 consultant, you spent, I assume, considerable time
- 2 with Mr. Houghton, the President and CEO, in terms of
- 3 that working relationship?
- 4 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 5 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And I'm wondering
- 6 if you might share with us what your professional
- 7 opinion was of Mr. Houghton, how he conducted himself,
- 8 his relationship with staff, any information you could
- 9 share related to that matter?
- 10 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: He basically
- 11 dedicated all his time towards working. The Company
- 12 and its affiliates were very important to him. He's
- 13 had a lot of success and innovation in his career. He
- 14 is very well regarded in the industry.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Would you say staff
- 16 held him in fairly high regard?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 18 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Would you say that
- 19 he, in your opinion, was very competent at fulfilling
- 20 the responsibilities that had been assigned to him?
- 21 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Would you agree
- 23 with me that, at the time when the municipality
- 24 solicited Mr. Houghton's services to fill a void for a
- 25 CAO, that Mr. Houghton had an incredibly heavy

- 1 workload once he took on the responsibility of CAO?
- 2 He was chair or President of the utilities.
- 3 As I understand it from Mr. Fryer's
- 4 testimony, he was President and CEO of Collus, and
- 5 I've seen a few other entities within that Collus
- 6 family.
- 7 Would you agree that the workload must
- 8 have been very, very significant?
- 9 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I recall
- 10 asking him when he slept.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Likely better than
- 12 now. I put the same question to you. You had a close
- 13 working relationship with Mr. Fryer?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 15 MR. PAUL BONWICK: In terms of that
- 16 relationship leading up, in your professional opinion,
- 17 what was the overall -- what was your overall opinion
- 18 in terms of how Mr. Fryer conducted his -- or
- 19 fulfilled his responsibilities specifically to the
- 20 accounting side?
- 21 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: We had a very
- 22 short period of time that overlapped. And -- and
- 23 during that, he was away for a couple of months, but
- 24 he was -- he always treated me very kindly, and the
- 25 other staff.

1 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Would you, in your

- 2 professional capacity, consider Mr. Fryer to be
- 3 competent in the responsibilities that he had?
- 4 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 5 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you. In your
- 6 opinion, and I appreciate this may be a bit sub --
- 7 subjective, but, in your opinion, was Mr. Fryer
- 8 supportive of the concept of the Collus PowerStream
- 9 partnership?
- 10 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: In my
- 11 opinion? No.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Could you bring up
- 13 -- where did I put that? I know it's a CP --
- 14 CPS0006920.

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16 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 18 MR. PAUL BONWICK: You commented that
- 19 late that afternoon when you refreshed the OEB website
- 20 that you were very excited and pleased to see that the
- 21 approval had been granted by the Ontario Energy Board?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: You also shared
- 24 with us, if I understood it properly, that when you
- 25 announced this to Mr. Fryer he appeared to become very

- 1 upset and a few brief words, and I won't get into
- 2 them, basically, he left the building at that point in
- 3 time?
- 4 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 5 MR. PAUL BONWICK: So, that would give
- 6 you, I assume, further confidence in your opinion that
- 7 he wasn't necessarily happy in the partnership that
- 8 had been put together over that period of time?
- 9 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 10 MR. PAUL BONWICK: If you can scroll
- 11 down the proposal elevation -- evaluation, sorry, just
- 12 kind of slowly. You can see Tim Fryer on the Power --
- 13 PowerStream column. Just kind of go down, please. Go
- 14 across. You can Tim Fryer on the PowerStream column.
- 15 Go down.

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17 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Tim Fryer on the
- 20 PowerStream column --
- 21 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- versus the
- 23 others. And no need to spend any more time on that.
- 24 The reason I bring that to your
- 25 attention is, if everybody else was taken out of the

- 1 scoring for -- away from the task force, or the
- 2 Strategic Team Task Force that was responsible for
- 3 scoring this, and it was left solely to Mr. Fryer,
- 4 PowerStream would have been the successful candidate,
- 5 or at least the one (1) recommended to the Board, as
- 6 you can see by the scores --
- 7 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 8 MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- especially when
- 9 you go to the financial portion of -- of the scoring.
- 10 And so, I'm somewhat confused in terms of the scoring
- 11 up to that.
- 12 And I'm wondering, is there more to the
- 13 story in terms of his lack of satisfaction with the
- 14 partnership because, clearly, during the lead-up to
- 15 this he was scoring PowerStream the highest, but yet
- 16 once PowerStream was -- and Collus were successful
- 17 with the OEB approval, he appeared to be upset about
- 18 that final approval.
- 19 Were there other mitigating
- 20 circumstances that caused him to be frustrated, in
- 21 your opinion?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: I think he
- 23 deeply felt that the municipality should retain
- 24 ownership of Collus, but if forced to make a choice,
- 25 PowerStream would have been the best choice.

- 1 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you. I'll
- 2 close out with this. You had the benefit of working
- 3 with Collus leading up to the approval with the OEB
- 4 and you had the benefit of working with Collus
- 5 PowerStream post-OEB approval.
- In your professional opinion, I want to
- 7 just take a mark in time because I know we've talked
- 8 about the three (3) and four (4) years later as we
- 9 were trying to get through the shared services
- 10 agreement --
- 11 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: M-hm.
- 12 MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- but take a
- 13 snapshot in time and ask your professional opinion on
- 14 the year following the approval.
- Would you please share with me what the
- 16 environment was like within Collus PowerStream in
- 17 terms of its relationship with Collingwood, in terms
- 18 of its relationship with PowerStream for the first
- 19 year?
- 20 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: It was good.
- 21 It was excellent. Yes.
- 22 MR. PAUL BONWICK: An excellent
- 23 relationship. And so I believe you always have the
- 24 best interests of the Town of Collingwood and the
- 25 ratepayers within the LDC in heart as you approach --

- 1 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes. I -- I
- 2 live here. My -- I have family here. Yes.
- 3 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And so based on not
- 4 only your professional opinion but based on the
- 5 fact -- the love for community and the desire to
- 6 provide the very best for them, would it be your
- 7 opinion that the best possible deal was achieved in
- 8 your experience for that first year?
- 9 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes. I
- 10 thought it was a wonderful benefit.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: That concludes my
- 12 comments, Your Honour. Thank you.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: Does counsel for
- 14 EPCOR have any questions?
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Oh,
- 16 I'm sorry. Yes.
- MR. MARCUS OSTROWERKA: No problem. I
- 18 do not. Thank you though.
- 19 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: All
- 20 right.
- 21 MR. JOHN MATHER: I have a very brief
- 22 re-examination, Your Honour.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Yes.
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- 25 RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. JOHN MATHER:

1 MR. JOHN MATHER: When Mr. Breedon was

- 2 asking you questions about the payments made to
- 3 Compenso in 2013, my understanding is you said that
- 4 Ed Houghton had suggested to you that after the news
- 5 reports came out that Collus PowerStream would have to
- 6 find some other firm to carry out the services that
- 7 Compenso was carrying out.
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 9 MR. JOHN MATHER: Was there another
- 10 firm that was hired to replace Compenso?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 12 MR. JOHN MATHER: Who was that?
- 13 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Robert Half.
- 14 MR. JOHN MATHER: Did he act as a sole
- 15 proprietor, or did he work for a company?
- 16 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: That's a
- 17 company. That's a big company.
- 18 MR. JOHN MATHER: Fair enough. I just
- 19 want to ask you another question about -- Mr. Breedon
- 20 asked you whether or not the Collus entities had ever
- 21 changed auditors from Gaviller & Company, and your
- 22 answer was no.
- 23 After July 31st, 2012, did Gaviller
- 24 ever change its name?
- 25 MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes. They

- 1 became Collins Barrow and subsequently again took
- 2 on -- they're still associated with Collins Barrow,
- 3 but the name Baker Tilly is how they're referred to
- 4 now.
- 5 MR. JOHN MATHER: And is it the same
- 6 individuals within the firm, just with a different
- 7 name?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- 9 MR. JOHN MATHER: If we could finally
- 10 just pull up paragraph 3 of your affidavit.

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12 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 14 MR. JOHN MATHER: Mr. Chenoweth was
- 15 asking you questions about the date of the OEB
- 16 approval of the transaction, and I think it was
- 17 suggested to you that the OEB approval came at some
- 18 point in June, and that's not our understanding.
- 19 And if we look at your affidavit, it
- 20 indicates that the date of the approval is June 13th,
- 21 2012. I take it that's the date to your recollection?
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: Those are my
- 24 questions.
- 25 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank

- 1 you, Ms. Shuttleworth. Thank you --
- MS. CINDY SHUTTLEWORTH: Thank you.
- 3 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: -- for
- 4 your evidence. Mr. Breedon, do you want to pursue
- 5 this question of the redaction?
- 6 MR. RYAN BREEDON: No, Your Honour. I
- 7 think it's fine.
- 8 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: All
- 9 right. Thank you. Fine. So I think we'll break for
- 10 lunch and come back at 2:00.

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- 12 --- Upon recessing at 12:53 p.m.
- 13 --- Upon resuming at 2:02 p.m.

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- MR. JOHN MATHER: Next witness is Pam
- 16 Hogg.

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18 PAMELA HOGG, Affirmed

- 20 EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY MR. JOHN MATHER:
- 21 MR. JOHN MATHER: Good afternoon, Ms.
- 22 Hogg.
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Hi.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: You held a few roles
- 25 with the Collus entities in 2011/2012. My

- 1 understanding is you had these roles simultaneously.
- 2 You were the executive assistant to Ed Houghton. You
- 3 were the manager of human resources, and you were the
- 4 board secretary. Is that correct?
- 5 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's -- that's
- 6 correct.
- 7 MR. JOHN MATHER: Did you hold any
- 8 other positions in 2011/2012?
- 9 MS. PAMELA HOGG: I don't think so.
- 10 MR. JOHN MATHER: And you have
- 11 provided the Inquiry with a sworn -- sworn affidavit?
- 12 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 13 MR. JOHN MATHER: If we could please
- 14 pull up AFF3.
- And we can scroll through it, if you
- 16 like, but is this the affidavit that you've provided?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes, it is.
- 18 MR. JOHN MATHER: Do you wish to make
- 19 any corrections to the affidavit?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: No.
- 21 MR. JOHN MATHER: Do you confirm that
- 22 the affidavit is true to the best of your ability?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- 24 MR. JOHN MATHER: I'd like this marked
- 25 as the next exhibit.

1 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Yes.

2 So ordered.

- 4 CONTINUED BY MR. JOHN MATHER:
- 5 MR. JOHN MATHER: So we'll -- we'll
- 6 scroll through the affidavit by way of summary. So if
- 7 we scroll down, you've provided us evidence about your
- 8 relationship with Mr. -- your working relationship
- 9 with Mr. Houghton from 1998 to 2016. You provided us
- 10 your impressions of Mr. Houghton's working
- 11 relationship with Ms. Wingrove.
- 12 Scrolling down further, you've provided
- 13 us that you were not aware of the nature or frequency
- 14 of communications between Mr. Houghton and Mr. Bonwick
- 15 in the 2011/2012 time period. You've also provided us
- 16 evidence on your general practice in taking Board
- 17 minutes for the Collus entities.
- 18 You further provided us with your
- 19 recollections about a January 2010 strategic planning
- 20 session for the Collus entities. You've provided us
- 21 with your recollections about when you first learned
- 22 about a potential Collus sale.
- 23 Scrolling down, you further provided us
- 24 your recollections about how annual meetings of the
- 25 shareholders proceeded, including in the year of the

- 1 Transaction, July 2011, or the year leading up to the
- 2 Transaction.
- 3 You provided us with information on
- 4 your role in the Strategic Task Team, including that
- 5 you were responsible for taking minutes at the
- 6 Strategic Task Team. You've also provided us evidence
- 7 on your role in scoring the RFP, if we scroll down,
- 8 including that you received the physical proposals
- 9 from the proponents and first delivered the
- 10 nonfinancial responses to the STT, and following the
- 11 nonfinancial scoring meeting, you provided the
- 12 financial responses.
- 13 You've also provided us with your
- 14 recollections about the nonfinancial scoring meeting,
- 15 where you -- your evidence is that STT members read
- 16 their scores out loud as you recorded them in a
- 17 spreadsheet.
- 18 With respect to the financial scoring
- 19 meeting, you've provided us your evidence that you
- 20 believe KPMG was responsible for completing the
- 21 financial scoring and calculating the financial
- 22 scores.
- 23 And if we can scroll down further, you
- 24 finally provided us with your evidence about the bonus
- 25 you received for your work on the PowerStream

- 1 Transaction, and that you never received a bonus of
- 2 that size before.
- 3 Is a fair summary or encapsulation of
- 4 the evidence you've provided in your affidavit?
- 5 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes, it is.
- 6 MR. JOHN MATHER: I just have a few
- 7 questions before I turn the examination over the
- 8 participants. If we could pull up CBB154.

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10 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. JOHN MATHER: If we could scroll
- 13 down to the middle of the page. Keeps scrolling down.
- 14 So Ms. Hogg, we see here -- and our
- 15 understanding is that this is an audit paper from
- 16 Gaviller's, that it contemplates that certain members
- 17 of the board were paid bonuses with respect to the
- 18 Transaction. And there's a note beneath it that says:
- 19 "Per Ed and Pam, the only two (2)
- 20 members of the board not to receive
- 21 bonuses are the mayor and Council's
- 22 representative."
- Do you know if the bonuses that are
- 24 contemplated here were paid?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: No, they weren't.

- 1 The only one (1) that received a bonus was Dean
- 2 Muncaster.
- 3 MR. JOHN MATHER: Do you know who Pam
- 4 would be in the reference beneath the -- the bonuses
- 5 for the board members?
- 6 MS. PAMELA HOGG: I assume that would
- 7 be myself.
- 8 MR. JOHN MATHER: Did you speak with
- 9 any of the auditors about payments -- bonuses to the
- 10 board members in the Transaction year?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Not to my
- 12 recollection, no.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: At any point, to
- 14 your recollection, was it contemplated that any board
- 15 members other than Mr. Muncaster would receive a
- 16 bonus?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- 18 MR. JOHN MATHER: What do you recall
- 19 about that?
- 20 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Just that I was
- 21 asked to prepare -- prepare the vouchers for the
- 22 bonus, but they were subsequently not -- not prepare -
- 23 issued, or they didn't go anywhere.
- 24 MR. JOHN MATHER: And what is the --
- 25 what you mean by the vouchers for the bonus?

1 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Whenever a board

- 2 received a per diem payment, it would generally come
- 3 through me, because I would have record of a board
- 4 meeting or whatnot, so I would prepare a voucher that
- 5 would go to finance for payment.
- 6 MR. JOHN MATHER: Okay. So -- and
- 7 when you said you recall being asked to prepare a
- 8 voucher for the board members, was it in the amounts
- 9 reflected in the document here?
- 10 MS. PAMELA HOGG: I wouldn't be able
- 11 to say a hundred percent sure.
- 12 MR. JOHN MATHER: Does that seem --
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Okay.
- 14 MR. JOHN MATHER: -- roughly like the
- 15 correct amounts?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes. The -- yes.
- 17 MR. JOHN MATHER: Do you recall who
- 18 asked you to prepare the voucher?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: I would have to say
- 20 it was probably Ed, but it could have been Joan
- 21 Pajunen as well, but my guess is probably Ed.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: I take from your
- 23 answer you don't have a specific recollection of who
- 24 told you?
- 25 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Not a hundred

- 1 percent, no.
- 2 MR. JOHN MATHER: Do you recall if you
- 3 had an understanding of the purpose of the bonuses --
- 4 I appreciate that they weren't paid, but the purpose
- 5 at the time you were asked to prepare the voucher?
- 6 MS. PAMELA HOGG: What the reasoning
- 7 would be?
- 8 MR. JOHN MATHER: Yes.
- 9 MS. PAMELA HOGG: I would assume just
- 10 for the work to do with the sale.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: Do you know why the
- 12 vouchers were not paid?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: No.
- 14 MR. JOHN MATHER: Could we pull up
- 15 paragraph 12 of AFF1, which is Ralph Neate's
- 16 affidavit.

- 18 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- MR. JOHN MATHER: Sorry, paragraph 9.
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- 22 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- MR. JOHN MATHER: So, Ms. Hogg, this
- 25 is a -- an affidavit that Ralph Neate has sworn in

- 1 this proceeding, who I understood to be one (1) of the
- 2 auditors for Collus.
- 3 Was that your understanding?
- 4 MS. PAMELA HOGG: M-hm. Yes.
- 5 MR. JOHN MATHER: And in paragraphs 9
- 6 through 12, he discusses the document that we just had
- 7 up on the screen, the audit working paper reflecting
- 8 bonuses to Mr. McFadden, Mr. Garbutt, and Ms. Pajunen.
- 9 And I would just like you to take a
- 10 look at paragraph 11, which says:
- "We advised the boards of Collus
- 12 Power and Collus Solutions that
- these payments had been made when we
- 14 presented our aff -- our audit
- findings in the financial statements
- on April 26th, 2012. I do not have
- 17 specific recollection of this
- 18 presentation, but I do recall
- 19 thinking that some of the board
- 20 members seemed surprised to learn
- 21 about the bonus payments. I recall
- that certain of the board members
- gave their bonus -- bonus back, and
- just for the sake of completion,
- while I do not have a complete

161 memory of which board members 1 returned the bonuses -- bonus --2 3 bonuses. I believe that Doug Garbutt returned his bonus." Do you have a recollection of what Mr. 5 Neate is describing here? 7 MS. PAMELA HOGG: No, but it's not correct. There was no cheque ever issued or presented to any Board member. The cheques never went to -like, it never -- they never went anywhere. The --10 11 the voucher never went anywhere. 12 MR. JOHN MATHER: Do you have a recollection of any Board meeting where Board members 13 14 declined bonuses? 15 MS. PAMELA HOGG: No. 16 MR. JOHN MATHER: If we could go to paragraph 253 of Foundation Document 1. 17 18 19 (BRIEF PAUSE) 20 21 MR. JOHN MATHER: So, Ms. Hogg, this paragraph -- I brought you here to show you that there 22 23 was a strategic partnership task team meeting on 24 August 29th, 2011. 2.5 Do you recall that meeting?

- 1 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Just by the date
- 2 that a meeting was held, yes.
- 3 MR. JOHN MATHER: And then if you go
- 4 to paragraph 254, it describes certain items that
- 5 appear in the minutes of that meeting, which I
- 6 understand would have been minutes you took.
- 7 Is that -- is that accurate?
- 8 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 9 MR. JOHN MATHER: Okay. And if we
- 10 scroll down, we see subparagraph (d). Again this is
- 11 discussing the minutes of the August 29th strategic
- 12 task team meeting. It the quotes from them, saying --
- 13 with an item saying:
- 14 "Discussion then took place with
- 15 respect to the governance and it was
- 16 stated that we wish to have
- 17 significant Board representation."
- 18 And then if you scroll down to
- 19 paragraph 255, it says that:
- 20 "An earlier draft of the August 29
- 21 minutes -- the governance discussion
- 22 referred to the above -- referred to
- above was described as follows."
- 24 And it has the first sentence, but
- 25 there's a second sentence that says:

163 "A discussion ensued as to what we 1 2 are prepared to accept bids for, the amount of the shares we want to 3 sell. Selling 51 percent as opposed to 50/50 is more of a control issue 5 6 than anything else." Do you -- do you recall removing the second sentence from the -- the Board 9 minutes, from the draft to the 10 final? 11 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Do I recall it 12 today, no. 13 MR. JOHN MATHER: Do you have a 14 recollection of why this change was made? MS. PAMELA HOGG: Well, I know how the 15 change would have been made. My normal Board procedure, after doing minutes, the draft minutes 17 18 would go to the CFO and the President and the Chair for their review before they would be issued as final to the -- the next Board meeting, so I followed the 20 21 same process for the strat plan meetings. 22 MR. JOHN MATHER: Okay. So just to 23 make sure I understand your normal practice with the 24 Board meetings was you would provide draft minutes to 25 the Chair, the CFO, and the CEO, who I take it were

- 1 Mr. Muncaster, Mr. Houghton, and Mr. Fryer?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 3 MR. JOHN MATHER: And would they then
- 4 give you comments on the draft minutes at the Board
- 5 level?
- 6 MS. PAMELA HOGG: No. They -- it
- 7 would be done ahead of the Board meeting.
- 8 MR. JOHN MATHER: Okay. But when you
- 9 provided them the draft minutes, would they give you
- 10 comments back on those draft minutes?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes, yes.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: And you took -- you
- 13 undertook the same practice for the strategic task
- 14 team?
- 15 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: Did you share the
- 17 draft minutes with the same three (3) individuals for
- 18 the strategic task team?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: No.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: Who did you share
- 21 the draft minutes with?
- 22 MS. PAMELA HOGG: The Chair and Mr.
- 23 Mr. Houghton.
- 24 MR. JOHN MATHER: Mr. Muncaster?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.

- 1 MR. JOHN MATHER: Okay. As the Chair.
- 2 Why didn't you share them with Mr. Fryer?
- 3 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Well, I know this
- 4 particular meeting, he wasn't in attendance.
- 5 MR. JOHN MATHER: So I take it then,
- 6 it would have been either Mr. Muncaster or Mr.
- 7 Houghton who requested that the second sentence be
- 8 removed?
- 9 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 10 MR. JOHN MATHER: Do you recall which
- 11 of those two (2) individuals?
- 12 MS. PAMELA HOGG: No, I don't.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: My understanding
- 14 from your affidavit is that you attended the strategic
- 15 task team meetings as well as the bidder presentations
- 16 in September 2011. Is that correct?
- 17 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 18 MR. JOHN MATHER: Other than the
- 19 members of the strategic task team and yourself, was
- 20 there anyone else who attended those meetings?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Not to my
- 22 recollection.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: Was there anyone
- 24 else, any other Collus staff person?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: No.

- 1 MR. JOHN MATHER: And just a final
- 2 question: At any point when -- after the strategic
- 3 task team was formed, up until the close of the
- 4 transaction in July 2012, did you provide Paul Bonwick
- 5 with any information that you -- that you obtained at
- 6 the strategic task meeting or at the bidder
- 7 presentations in September 2011?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: No.
- 9 MR. JOHN MATHER: Those are my
- 10 questions.
- 11 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Any
- 12 cross-examination?
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Sorry, Ms. Wheeler,
- 14 our colleague, is going to cross-examine on behalf of
- 15 the Town.
- 16 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: All
- 17 right. Ms. Wheeler...?
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- 19 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. ANDREA WHEELER:
- MS. ANDREA WHEELER: Good
- 21 afternoon, Ms. Hogg. As was just told to you, my name
- 22 is Andrea Wheeler and I'm one (1) of the lawyers for
- 23 the Town of Collingwood.
- 24 We heard that you were Mr. Houghton's
- 25 executive assistant for approximately two (2) decades.

- 1 That's correct?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes, sorry.
- 3 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: No problem. And
- 4 you were actually with Collus for a significant period
- 5 of time before that, approximately thirty-five (35)
- 6 years, is my understanding.
- 7 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Just in my 36, so,
- 8 yes.
- 9 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And so I take it
- 10 that you knew Mr. Houghton for some number of years
- 11 before you began in the role as his executive
- 12 assistant?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct. I
- 14 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And the Inquiry
- 15 counsel just asked you some questions about the
- 16 minutes that you took both at the strategic task
- 17 meeting as well as Collus Board meetings. And I
- 18 understand that you took minutes at the first of the
- 19 two (2) strategic task team meetings but not the
- 20 subsequent meetings. Is that correct?
- 21 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Correct.
- MS. ANDREA WHEELER: At those later
- 23 STT meetings, were you directed not to take any
- 24 minutes by any of the members of the STT team?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: No.

1 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: Did anyone ask

- 2 why you were not taking minutes at any of those
- 3 meetings?
- 4 MS. PAMELA HOGG: No.
- 5 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: Do you -- to your
- 6 knowledge, were they aware that you were not taking
- 7 any minutes of the STT meetings?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- 9 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: They were aware?
- 10 MS. PAMELA HOGG: I -- I would assume
- 11 so, yes, because I would have not provided any minutes
- 12 following the meetings.
- MS. ANDREA WHEELER: Thank you. I'd
- 14 like to just ask you a little bit about your
- 15 involvement in handing out the RFP materials.
- 16 So I take it that you understood that
- 17 this is a two-stage process. Is that correct?
- 18 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 19 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And some people
- 20 refer to it as a two-envelope process. So first the
- 21 nonfinancial portions of the bids were to be provided,
- 22 reviewed, and scored, and only after that had
- 23 concluded were you going to provide the financial
- 24 information to the STT team members. Is that
- 25 consistent with your understanding of the process?

- 1 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's -- that's
- 2 correct.
- 3 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And you
- 4 understood why that was important to the integrity of
- 5 the RFP process?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- 7 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And it's clear
- 8 that you knew that was important. In your affidavit
- 9 evidence you say you went so far as to lock up the
- 10 bids and -- and you took that process seriously. Is
- 11 that correct?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Correct, just like
- 13 Board minutes, I -- they're locked up as well.
- 14 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And from your
- 15 affidavit we know that you were responsible for
- 16 delivering the nonfinancial information to the STT
- 17 team members prior to the scoring meeting on November
- 18 23 of 2011, correct?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Correct.
- 20 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And I take it
- 21 from your affidavit evidence, and perhaps you remember
- 22 one (1) way or the other, at least some of that -- the
- 23 team members were provided with that information in
- 24 hard copy. You referred to handing out or
- 25 distributing envelopes. Is that right?

Transcript Date May 17, 2019 170 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct. 1 2 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And we know that at least it was also sent to Mr. Herhalt by email. Is 3 that -- that's correct? 5 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct. MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And so I -- I 6 won't take you through it in detail but perhaps just so that it's in front of you, if could pull up Exhibit H to your affidavit, which is AFF3, and that's 10 KPM1662. 11 12 (BRIEF PAUSE) 13 14 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: Exhibit H, 15 please. 16 17 (BRIEF PAUSE) 18 19 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: So this is an email that you sent to Mr. Herhalt, and in this 21 version of it -- and I believe the time stamp says 11:39, although when I pulled it up locally it shows 22 7:36 p.m., but in any event it's on the evening of 24 November 16, 2011. Is that correct?

MS. PAMELA HOGG: M-hm. I'm sorry,

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- 1 yes.
- MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And it's marked -
- 3 the importance as "high." Do you see that?
- 4 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- 5 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And it's copied
- 6 to Mr. Houghton, correct?
- 7 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Correct.
- 8 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And I understand
- 9 that your evidence is that you don't remember sending
- 10 this email.
- 11 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 12 I've tried to recall but I -- I know I sent it but I -
- 13 I don't recall.
- 14 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And fair enough,
- 15 it was some number of years ago. And it's also your
- 16 evidence that you don't recall any issue involving a
- 17 PowerStream executive summary. Is that correct?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: I'm sorry, I don't
- 19 know what you mean.
- 20 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: In your affidavit
- 21 at paragraph 30 --
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: M-hm.
- MS. ANDREA WHEELER: -- you don't
- 24 recall an issue involving a PowerStream executive
- 25 summary. That's the statement that I'm referring to.

- 1 Do you recall there being any issue
- 2 about information with a PowerStream executive summary
- 3 being sent out in advance?
- 4 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Well, once Inquiry
- 5 counsel and I had my interview, they had shown me this
- 6 and I -- I didn't recall, but what I'm assuming
- 7 happened is that I sent out the executive summary and
- 8 provided the executive summary without realizing that
- 9 it had financial, so I tried to -- to recall it back
- 10 as quickly as I could.
- MS. ANDREA WHEELER: Fair enough.
- 12 Okay.
- 13 And so you don't specifically remember
- 14 that and -- but you took it seriously and when you
- 15 realized that had been sent out, you -- we see that
- 16 you took steps to ask them to -- to recall it, and if
- 17 -- if that had not -- was not able to happen, to
- 18 delete it.
- 19 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 20 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And that's
- 21 because you understood that at that point in the
- 22 process, the members were not supposed to have access
- 23 to the financial information with respect to the
- 24 bidders?
- 25 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.

1 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: If we could now

- 2 pull up TOC67313. And this is an email sent from you
- 3 to Mr. McFadden and Marion Spence, who I understand is
- 4 Mr. McFadden's wife. And I won't take you through it,
- 5 but if you review it, it's essentially identical
- 6 content to the email that we just saw to Mr. Herhalt
- 7 and the time stamp on this one (1) appears to be 12:34
- 8 AM, I have 7:34 when I look at it.
- 9 But in any event, in fairly close
- 10 proximity to the email we had just seen. So I take it
- 11 that you had discovered an identical issue with
- 12 respect to the email sent to Mr. McFadden is what had
- 13 happened with Mr. Herhalt, is that right?
- 14 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- MS. ANDREA WHEELER: Do you remember
- 16 sending this email?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: No.
- MS. ANDREA WHEELER: Okay. And if we
- 19 could now pull up TOC67284. And this is an email from
- 20 you to Mr. McFadden and Ms. Spence and it has an
- 21 earlier time stamp of about and hour and a half to the
- 22 ones that we just looked at. Is that correct?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- 24 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And there's no
- 25 text in the body, but you've attached a single PDF

- 1 called PowerStream.pdf.
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: U-hm.
- 3 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: Do you remember
- 4 sending this email?
- 5 MS. PAMELA HOGG: No.
- 6 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: All right.
- 7 And if we look at the attachment, which
- 8 is that PowerStream PDF, which is at TOC67285, and
- 9 scroll down to page 2 of that 31-page PDF, and if you
- 10 could just continue scrolling, you see that that is
- 11 the executive summary that's being referred to, and if
- 12 you keep scrolling to page 3, we see the financial
- 13 information that's been referred to in the earlier
- 14 emails, is that correct?
- 15 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 16 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And if we go back
- 17 up to the first page of this attachment, there is a
- 18 cover letter there dated November 16th, 2011. It's
- 19 from Mr. -- it's from Mr. Bentz to Mr. Muncaster and
- 20 in the second paragraph of that email it says:
- 21 "As per the directions outlined in
- section 3.8 of the RFP for
- submitting the response. We are
- 24 providing you with 12 hard copies,
- including one (1) signed original

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1	and one (1) electronic copy of our
2	response. Also, as directed, our
3	RFP response submissions separated
4	into two (2) sealed envelopes, one
5	(1) contains the response to section
6	3.1, while the other has the
7	response to the remaining parts of
8	the RFP. For additional reference,
9	we are also providing a third sealed
10	envelope, which contains an
11	executive summary and our response."
12	Do you remember ever seeing this cover
13	letter?
14	MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
15	MS. ANDREA WHEELER: Do you remember
16	there being a third sealed envelope?
17	MS. PAMELA HOGG: Not not
18	particularly, but yes.
19	MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And and if we
20	look at Exhibit L to your affidavit, which is at
21	ALE49170, and I understand your evidence is you're not
22	copied on this email and you weren't aware that this
23	email had been sent.
24	What I'd now ask you to do is we can
25	see there's a number of PDF attachments there, one (1)
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- 1 of them being the executive summary, November 15th,
- 2 2011, do you recall seeing -- and I -- I take it the
- 3 answer is no, but do you recall seeing the PowerStream
- 4 PDF in separate PDF attachments like this?
- 5 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Where?
- 6 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: I'm asking
- 7 whether or not you recognize what we just saw in the
- 8 last email was a single PDF labelled "PowerStream" --
- 9 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Right.
- 10 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: -- and I'm
- 11 wondering whether you have any recollection, and I'm
- 12 guessing the answer is no, of having seen the
- 13 PowerStream non-financial response in a series of
- 14 PDFs, as we've seen a -- attached to this email.
- 15 MS. PAMELA HOGG: No. I know
- 16 PowerStream did supply it on a stick as well, but --
- MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And you don't --
- 18 you just don't remember what the contents of that
- 19 were?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: No.
- 21 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: Okay. So I take
- 22 it then that having walked through these and -- and
- 23 fair enough that you don't remember that many years
- 24 ago, you're simply not able to say how it is that the
- 25 PowerStream information in the executive summary came

- 1 to be sent out by email to Mr. Herhalt and Mr.
- 2 McFadden?
- 3 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes, I would have
- 4 done it in error.
- 5 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: It was a mistake.
- 6 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes, absolutely.
- 7 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And so when you
- 8 discovered that mistake, you took steps to rectify it,
- 9 because you understood the importance of it?
- 10 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- MS. ANDREA WHEELER: Right.
- 12 Do you know if you talked to Mr.
- 13 Houghton about the issue?
- 14 MS. PAMELA HOGG: I don't recall, but
- 15 I probably would have said I screwed up.
- MS. ANDREA WHEELER: You don't have
- 17 any specific memory of doing that --
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: No.
- 19 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: -- but you expect
- 20 that you would have spoken up about it?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Absolutely.
- 22 Absolutely.
- MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And we know that
- 24 certainly on your November 16 email to Mr. Herhalt,
- 25 you copied Mr. Houghton, so he would have been aware

- 1 of the issue at that time? But you simply just don't
- 2 remember one (1) way or the other?
- 3 MS. PAMELA HOGG: I'm sorry.
- 4 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: Of course, fair
- 5 enough.
- And I take it you don't have any
- 7 recollection of a similar issue with financial
- 8 information being provided to the STT members during
- 9 the non-financial process with respect to any of the
- 10 other bidders?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: No, from my
- 12 understanding in my interview with Inquiry counsel,
- 13 that I provided all of them the executive summary
- 14 envelope as well, and when it was realized then I
- 15 asked for them back as well.
- 16 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And perhaps my
- 17 question was a little bit unclear, but -- so that was
- 18 with respect to the PowerStream, and with respect to
- 19 any of the other bidders, do you have a recollection
- 20 of a similar issue occurring where --
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: No.
- MS. ANDREA WHEELER: Thank you.
- 23 Inquiry counsel asked you about whether
- 24 at any time you provided any information throughout
- 25 the course of your involvement in the strategic task

- 1 process, including the meetings with bidders to Mr.
- 2 Bonwick, and your answer to that was no.
- 3 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 4 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And I take it
- 5 that you, understanding the importance of the
- 6 confidentiality of that information, didn't provide it
- 7 to anyone at PowerStream either?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 9 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: And -- and you
- 10 didn't provide it to anyone outside of the ta --
- 11 didn't disclose it or provide it to anyone outside of
- 12 the strategic task team members, is that correct?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 14 MS. ANDREA WHEELER: Thank you, those
- 15 are my questions.
- 16 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank
- 17 you, Ms. Wheeler. Anyone else have any questions?
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes, I will
- 19 have questions, Your Honour. Yes, Your Honour, I will
- 20 have questions.
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Go
- 22 ahead, Mr. Chenoweth.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: My -- my
- 24 hope was that I would be the last person to question
- 25 this witness, subject to any re-examination.

- I believe we have --
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: All
- 3 right, but you know, can we just decide on the order,
- 4 typically you've all said -- you've all decided on the
- 5 order and then proceed. I don't want to spend all --
- 6 a lot of time on the order.
- 7 Who's next?
- 8 MR. TIM FRYER: Thank you, Justice
- 9 Marrocco.
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- 11 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. TIM FRYER:
- 12 MR. TIM FRYER: Hello, Ms. Hogg.
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Hi.
- 14 MR. TIM FRYER: For the record, I am
- 15 representing myself in these proceedings, and as such
- 16 I'll be asking you some questions.
- Just as a formality, when paragraph 255
- 18 was up, you explained that your usual process for
- 19 draft board minutes is circulation to -- that included
- 20 myself, as CFO, do you recall that?
- 21 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes, I do.
- MR. TIM FRYER: Then that for the
- 23 strategic partnership task team circulation, you would
- 24 include me as well, do you recall that?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: No. No, I did for

- 1 the Board minutes, I didn't for the str --
- 2 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. You had
- 3 clarified that I wasn't in attendance at the one (1)
- 4 meeting. I took it to mean that you still felt that
- 5 you were circulate -- there was only other -- one (1)
- 6 other one (1) and that was the August 3rd and I was
- 7 just, as a formality, stating that I hadn't received
- 8 it.
- 9 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes. No.
- 10 MR. TIM FRYER: But you confirmed
- 11 that?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- 13 MR. TIM FRYER: Great, thank you.
- 14 Could we bring up CPS05646? And this is a June 11th,
- 15 2015 email from Mr. Rockx to Mr. Houghton that you
- 16 forwarded to CAO Brown and blind copied the chairs of
- 17 the -- of the corporation.
- 18 So the body of what Mr. Rockx -- I was
- 19 going to give you a moment just to read through it.
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Okay.
- 21 MR. TIM FRYER: So you'll note that
- 22 Mr. Rockx refers to my going on medical leave.
- 23 Do you know how Mr. Rockx would have
- 24 come into that confidential information?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: No.

1 MR. TIM FRYER: And it -- because it

- 2 also says going and I was placed on leave. Do you
- 3 recall that?
- 4 MS. PAMELA HOGG: I would disagree
- 5 with that.
- 6 MR. TIM FRYER: So I was given a
- 7 letter and told to leave?
- 8 MS. PAMELA HOGG: There was
- 9 information prior to that letter that led to the
- 10 letter. I...
- MR. TIM FRYER: So, we agree to
- 12 disagree?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yeah.
- 14 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. So, Judge
- 15 Marrocco, that's all my questions. Thank you, Ms.
- 16 Hogg.
- 17 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank
- 18 you, Mr. Fryer. Mr. Watson...?
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Yes, Your Honour,
- 20 I have just a couple of questions.
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- 22 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. MICHAEL WATSON:
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Could we turn up
- 24 the affidavit -- and I'm sorry, Ms. Hogg, my name is
- 25 Michael Watson. I'm one (1) of the lawyers for

- 1 Electra, which is, I think you know the name now, of
- 2 what PowerStream was.
- In your -- your affidavit you talk
- 4 about the -- the scoring of both the non-financial and
- 5 the financial portions of the bids. And if we could
- 6 turn, please, to paragraphs 28 and 29, which I think
- 7 we can probably get on the screen at the same time.

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9 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And -- and we see
- 12 there -- and I -- you -- you probably read this
- 13 affidavit over even today before getting into the
- 14 witness box, yes?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yeah, I've read it --
- 16 I've read it over, yes.
- 17 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right. And
- 18 so, you'll recall in paragraph 28 the scoring of the -
- 19 the non-financial scoring on November 23rd, and that
- 20 is referred to in your -- in your affidavit?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Correct.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right. And
- 23 then you refer in paragraph 29 to the financial
- 24 proposals being scored at the November 28th meeting.
- 25 Do you see that?

- 1 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: There has been a
- 3 it of a gap, I think, in the evidence concerning the
- 4 scoring of the financial parts. I take it that you
- 5 have seen a compilation of the total numbers for the
- 6 financial parts?
- 7 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 8 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right. And
- 9 so, you have seen, for example, Hy -- the total Hydro
- 10 One number at two hundred seventy (270).
- 11 Have you seen that?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: I don't recall the
- 13 exact number, but I think you're speaking to the big
- 14 spreadsheet?
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Correct.
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- 17 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And then
- 18 PowerStream at two forty-three (243) and so on?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Okay.
- 20 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And that seems to
- 21 indicate that the -- and there were nine (9) members
- 22 of the STT who were scoring or evaluating or voting,
- 23 right?
- 24 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Correct.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Okay. And that

- 1 seems to indicate that each of those members actually
- 2 provided a specific number for that purpose, right?
- 3 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 4 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right. Now,
- with the non-financial components that were discussed
- 6 at the November 23rd meeting, I take that the in --
- 7 that the -- at the meeting, the individuals all
- 8 assembled together in the meeting room with you?
- 9 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And they then
- 11 indicated or stated one (1) by one (1) what the
- 12 numbers were that they had scored for each of the
- 13 components?
- 14 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's right. We
- 15 did each category at a time and went around the table.
- 16 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And you recorded
- 17 those numbers?
- 18 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 19 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right. And
- 20 did you display them?
- 21 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes. They were up
- 22 on a screen.
- 23 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right. And I
- 24 take it that those numbers were set and they didn't
- 25 change during the course of the meeting?

- 1 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Okay. Now, when
- 3 we get then to five (5) days later, that's when the
- 4 financial part was discussed. Is that correct?
- 5 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 6 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: The same thing, a
- 7 meeting in the same room?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: I honestly can't
- 9 remember how the financial portion was dealt with.
- 10 The only -- my only recollection of the financial
- 11 portion was Dean coming to my office and me unlocking
- 12 that second envelope, if -- if you will, and providing
- 13 those to Mr. Muncaster.
- I don't recall whether I was there with
- 15 -- with KPMG when they were doing the finance and
- 16 whether I recorded it. I honestly don't remember.
- 17 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right. That
- 18 -- that's fine. Just a couple of questions about that
- 19 to try to situate this.
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Okay.
- 21 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: November 23 was
- 22 when the individual members of the STT met and they
- 23 provided their numbers on the non -- non-financial
- 24 components?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Correct.

- 1 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Were the
- 2 financial envelopes opened before or after that
- 3 meeting of November 23rd?
- 4 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Oh, well after.
- 5 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: But it must have
- 6 been before the 28th because that's when the team met
- 7 to discuss the financial components, right?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- 9 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: So, when you say,
- 10 "well after," what does that mean?
- 11 MS. PAMELA HOGG: It wasn't that same
- 12 day, I know that, because it was actually an evening
- 13 that Dean came and got the envelopes from me.
- 14 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: I take it that --
- 15 that -- well, and did you understand that he was going
- 16 to distribute them to the STT members?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: I would assume so,
- 18 yes. I -- I honestly can't remember that part at all,
- 19 I -- I apologize.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: No, don't
- 21 apologize. It's a long time ago. That's just fine.
- 22 Did he also take the non-financial en -- envelopes
- 23 from you?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: No.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Did you

- 1 distribute those?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: I did.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Was there any
- 4 given -- or what was the reason why it was handled
- 5 differently for the financial component?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: I can't comment
- 7 because I -- I don't know.
- 8 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: You have no
- 9 memory?
- 10 MS. PAMELA HOGG: I don't know. I
- 11 very well could have handed out the financials, like,
- 12 after Dean received them. Whether we called a meeting
- 13 and I would have handed them out, I don't know. I
- 14 honestly do not remember.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right. Fine.
- 16 Do you have any recollection at all of individual STT
- 17 members stating their scores on the financial
- 18 component which, as you recall, was thirty (30) -- it
- 19 was thirty (30) points?
- 20 Do you have any recollection of the
- 21 individual members stating their numbers on November
- 22 28th or any other time as they had for the non-
- 23 financial components on the November 23rd meeting?
- 24 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's what I do not
- 25 recall, sorry.

- 1 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Again, please
- 2 don't apologize. Just one (1) last thing about the
- 3 number of STT meetings. There was one (1) on August
- 4 3rd we've seen, right?
- 5 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 6 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And you took
- 7 minutes?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 9 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Were you asked by
- 10 anyone to take minutes?
- 11 MS. PAMELA HOGG: I would -- that's
- 12 why -- that's why I would have been there, to take
- 13 minutes. That would have been my role.
- 14 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Well, I know it
- 15 was your role, but does someone specifically ask you
- 16 to take minutes of the STT meetings?
- 17 MS. PAMELA HOGG: I don't think so.
- 18 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: You came to
- 19 understand somehow that that was your role though?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- 21 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right. And
- 22 then there was an August 29th STT meeting?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 24 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And then we know
- 25 that there were two (2) separate days of presentations

- 1 by the potential bidders in September, right?
- 2 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And you were
- 4 there, as well?
- 5 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 6 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right. And
- 7 then we know that there was a meeting on November 23rd
- 8 which we've just discussed, yes?
- 9 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Correct.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And one (1) on
- 11 the 29th of November?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Correct.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Was that all the
- 14 meetings of the STT? And the reason I -- I'm
- 15 wondering about that is, obviously, intervening be --
- 16 after the presentations by the potential bidders in
- 17 September the RFP comes out on October 4th.
- Do you remember that?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- 20 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And there seems
- 21 to be a long, long time with no meetings. Now,
- 22 obviously, there was the date, you know, for
- 23 presentation on the -- November 16, but were there any
- 24 other STT meetings?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Not to my

- 1 recollection.
- 2 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: So -- so that --
- 3 that's all of them?
- 4 MS. PAMELA HOGG: I -- I believe so.
- 5 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And then just one
- 6 (1) last thing. You -- I -- I take it you just were
- 7 the one to -- who decided not to take minutes of the
- 8 November 23 and November 28 meetings?
- 9 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Well, the minutes of
- 10 the November 23rd meeting would have been the scoring.
- 11 That's -- that's what my minutes would have been.
- 12 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Well, all right.
- 13 But the -- but in addition to the scoring -- well,
- 14 first of all, at -- at the meeting -- at the beginning
- 15 of the meeting, I take it, everybody went around and -
- 16 and stated what their scores were for the various
- 17 components?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Correct.
- 19 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And you recorded
- 20 them?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Correct.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And that was up
- 23 on a screen. There -- there -- we've heard some
- 24 evidence about there being discussion amongst the
- 25 members about the bids and so on.

- 1 Do you remember that?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Barely. I'm sorry,
- 3 barely.
- 4 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right. Are -
- 5 are you saying that you can't remember whether there
- 6 was any such discussion?
- 7 MS. PAMELA HOGG: No, I'm sure there
- 8 would have been discussion amongst them. But just
- 9 like anything -- just like my board minutes, anything
- 10 that I perceive to be in camera that would be very --
- 11 of a sensitive nature wouldn't be recorded in minutes.
- 12 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: No, I -- I
- 13 understand that. I'm just trying to get a sense of
- 14 what was actually discussed at the meeting and about
- 15 the minutes. And you said, Well, the scores were the
- 16 minutes.
- 17 Well, no, the scores would be what the
- 18 scores were stated to be. That would be the first
- 19 part of the meeting, right?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Right.
- 21 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: But there were --
- 22 there was discussion afterwards even though you can't
- 23 remember now what it was, fair?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Correct.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And I take it you

- 1 made the decision not to record that?
- 2 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Correct.
- 3 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: You didn't have
- 4 any discussion with anybody about that, that you
- 5 weren't going to record the minutes?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: No, because I --
- 7 they -- our Board is very used to anything in camera
- 8 not recording.
- 9 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Right. Did you
- 10 consider the initial two (2) meetings in August,
- 11 August 3 and August 29, when they were talking about
- 12 how they were going to approach all of this and what
- 13 the goals were and all of that, to be sensitive and
- 14 confidential?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Not particularly,
- 16 no. It was just setting the -- the guidelines.
- 17 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: I see. But when
- 18 -- but -- but the scoring was confidential, as far as
- 19 you're concerned?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Correct.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Those are my
- 22 questions, Your Honour. Thank you.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank
- 24 you.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: So, my name

- 1 is Cheno --
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Did
- 3 you want to go last, Mr. Chenoweth?
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I do.
- 5 Sorry, Mr. Bonwick should be --
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Yes.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you,
- 8 Your Honour.
- 9 MR. GEORGE MARRON: I -- I have no
- 10 questions.
- 11 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Oh I'm
- 12 sorry, Mr. Marron. I apologize.
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- 14 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. PAUL BONWICK:
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Good afternoon, Ms.
- 16 Hogg. My name's Paul Bonwick. And I'm a participant
- 17 in the and representing myself. And thanks very much
- 18 for taking time to be here today.
- By the evidence provided both in terms
- 20 of questioning and the affidavit, it certainly appears
- 21 that you -- the old colloquial term -- wore many hats
- 22 within the organization: Board secretary; if I
- 23 understood properly, manager of human resources?
- 24 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 25 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Executive assistant

- 1 to the CEO and the chair?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Correct.
- 3 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Would it be fair to
- 4 say, based on your various responsibilities, that you
- 5 likely had more interaction with Board members and
- 6 with people associated with this process than other
- 7 members of the Collus team?
- 8 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 9 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Throughout the
- 10 hearing, we've heard many accolades and positive
- 11 comments provided in relationship to the role
- 12 Mr. Muncaster and members of the Board played and the
- 13 active participation that they took in terms of
- 14 helping lead the process to deliver the final result.
- Would you agree that Mr. Muncaster and
- 16 the Board members were actively involved and did
- 17 provide good leadership?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Absolutely.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: You've --
- 20 throughout your number of years -- I'll just leave the
- 21 number -- throughout your numbers of years with Collus
- 22 and certainly in relationship to your responsibilities
- 23 of Board secretary, I assume you've worked with many
- 24 Boards.
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.

- 1 MR. PAUL BONWICK: How would you
- 2 compare the Board under the leadership of
- 3 Mr. Muncaster in comparison to previous Boards?
- 4 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Excellent. He was a
- 5 very knowledgeable chair.
- 6 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you. You
- 7 spent a long part of your career working with
- 8 Mr. Houghton.
- 9 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 10 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And I should just
- 11 go back to the Board. At any point, did any of the
- 12 Board members -- did any of their activities raise any
- 13 concerns in terms of -- in your mind in terms of their
- 14 activities or their actions?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Are you talking
- 16 prior to the sale or post?
- 17 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Leading up to the
- 18 sale.
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: No.
- 20 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you. So you
- 21 spent many years working with Mr. Houghton, both in
- 22 your capacity as manager of human resources (a) to the
- 23 CEO, as well as Board secretary, and I put this
- 24 question to Ms. Shuttleworth earlier.
- 25 I'm wondering if you could share your

- 1 professional opinion based on terms of your various
- 2 responsibilities, as well as working relationship you
- 3 had with Mr. Houghton. How would you surmise his
- 4 management skills, his approach to the job?
- 5 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Excellent. I think
- 6 the utility and the municipality were -- it was a
- 7 great benefit to have Mr. Houghton as a lead. He
- 8 was -- he was a very hard worker, expected a lot of
- 9 himself and a lot of his team, as -- as well.
- 10 He -- he pushed us -- he pushed us to
- 11 better ourselves. I can't say enough good about how
- 12 he was as a leader. He was well respected in the --
- 13 in the LDC world across the province. He was
- 14 excellent.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: You must be reading
- 16 my next question --
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yeah.
- 18 MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- 'cause I was
- 19 going to ask based on your experience and interaction
- 20 with others within the LDC community.
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yeah.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: And you've answered
- 23 that. He's highly regarded.
- 24 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yeah. I have great
- 25 respect for him.

- 1 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Any question prior
- 2 to this matter raised with regards to his integrity or
- 3 how he conducted himself in the business world?
- 4 MS. PAMELA HOGG: No.
- 5 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Ms. Shuttleworth
- 6 provided some testimony prior to yours, and I'm
- 7 wondering if you might share your opinion.
- 8 You've worked with Ms. Shuttleworth for
- 9 a number of years now?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Could you please
- 12 enlighten us in terms of her approach from a
- 13 professional perspective?
- 14 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Oh, she's excellent.
- 15 She -- she knows her stuff. At every Board meeting,
- 16 anytime any -- any Board member asked a question of
- 17 her, I swear she could recall the page that it was on
- 18 the financial statement. She gave direct, concise
- 19 answers. She's really excellent at her job.
- 20 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you. This
- 21 will be a personal opinion that I'll ask you, and in
- 22 fairness -- and I recognize it's somewhat subjective,
- 23 but I put the same question to Ms. Shuttleworth.
- Over the period of time leading up to
- 25 the OEB approval -- and so that would be throughout

- 1 the process in determining whether it was going to be
- 2 a 50/50 or a 49/51 or a complete sale -- post that,
- 3 once a 50/50 was decided and you moved forward
- 4 throughout the RFP process, subsequently got the
- 5 OEB -- secured the OEB approval, what was your
- 6 assessment of Mr. Fryer's approach to the process that
- 7 had been decided upon by the Board?
- 8 MS. PAMELA HOGG: I don't think he was
- 9 happy with -- with the direction. My understanding
- 10 he -- he didn't want to sell the utility. He wanted
- 11 to -- to keep it as it was.
- 12 MR. PAUL BONWICK: I'd like to go to
- 13 the -- or pull up CPS0006920.

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15 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Throughout your
- 18 career, you've obviously had a great deal of
- 19 experience in participating in meetings and task force
- 20 or in group sessions.
- 21 I notice in the Strategic Partnership
- 22 Task Team that there was seven (7) members:
- 23 Mr. Muncaster, the chair; Mayor Cooper; David
- 24 McFadden; Doug Garbutt; Rick Lloyd, deputy mayor,
- 25 chair of finance; Kim Wingrove, CAO; Tim Fryer, CFFO;

- 1 John Herhalt, which I believe is KPMG, but I'm not
- 2 positive.
- 3 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 4 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you. And
- 5 Mr. Houghton. Could you imagine a scenario or could
- 6 you describe a scenario where you think that there
- 7 should have been additional members attached to that?
- 8 MS. PAMELA HOGG: No. I thought that
- 9 was a great team.
- 10 MR. PAUL BONWICK: In terms of the
- 11 team working together, did you feel that it was a
- 12 cooperative working environment?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Absolutely. I don't
- 14 recall any -- any contentious issues.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Could you please
- 16 scroll up or down, whichever way the screen goes.
- 17 Thank you. I just ask -- just to reflect for a second
- 18 on the scoring. Go again, please. One (1) more.
- 19 So you, better than most I would think,
- 20 have a reasonable understanding of how the scoring
- 21 turned out. At any point in any manner of speaking,
- 22 did I reach out to you to try to either influence the
- 23 scoring criteria or to suggest that scoring should go
- 24 in one (1) direction or another? Or for that matter,
- 25 did we have any communications related to PowerStream

- 1 at all?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: No.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: You had the benefit
- 4 of working through this process, and you're one (1) of
- 5 the few that had the benefit of working after the
- 6 final OEB approval was put in place. I think it's
- 7 safe to assume -- and I assume you would agree with me
- 8 -- that throughout your 30-year career with Collus,
- 9 you would have always had the best interest of the
- 10 community at heart.
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Absolutely.
- 12 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Would it be safe to
- 13 say that in your experience that the other members of
- 14 the Strategic Task Team had the best interest of the
- 15 community at heart?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Absolutely.
- 17 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Moving forward
- 18 after the OEB approval and measuring over the period
- 19 of the first year -- you had 29 others to reflect
- 20 upon -- did you believe that the result of the 50/50
- 21 partnership was a -- derived a significant or created
- 22 a significant benefit for the Town of Collingwood?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Absolutely.
- 24 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Could you maybe
- 25 expand a little bit on what the environment was like

- 1 for the first year between your -- or between Collus
- 2 PowerStream, Town of Collingwood, and PowerStream
- 3 generally speaking?
- 4 MS. PAMELA HOGG: The very first year,
- 5 it's a kind of a blur, but that was the year we were
- 6 exploring to get the best of the partnership, if you
- 7 will, because it was -- it was the first in the LDC
- 8 world of this -- of this type. So we wanted to -- to
- 9 really make it work so we could sell that idea off to
- 10 other LDCs as -- if we -- as we've heard earlier.
- 11 So it was -- it was a busy year, but we
- 12 were exploring what opportunities that we were going
- 13 to be able to provide more value to our shareholder.
- 14 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Within that first
- 15 year, what was the feedback that you heard personally
- 16 from other participants in the LDC sector in terms of
- 17 how smoothly this process had gone, the approval, and
- 18 the -- the subsequent creation of this 50/50
- 19 partnership?
- 20 MS. PAMELA HOGG: They were actually
- 21 excited for us, and I think there was a close eye on
- 22 watching us to see how -- how the partnership went.
- 23 Our LDC was envied across the province because we were
- 24 very innovative and forward thinking.
- So when this happened, they were all

- 1 watching, waiting to see what was going to -- to
- 2 happen with the partnership. So -- and I know all of
- 3 my colleagues at any of our industry meetings that we
- 4 would have across the province, we were always tooting
- 5 it and saying how -- how excellent it has been, and we
- 6 can't wait to see where it ends up.
- 7 MR. PAUL BONWICK: So it's reasonable
- 8 to say you were very proud of --
- 9 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Absolutely.
- 10 MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- what was
- 11 actually accomplished. Could you bring up the
- 12 affidavit and the supplementary affidavit, please, for
- 13 Ms. Hogg?

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15 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- 17 THE JOHN MATHER: There's only one (1)
- 18 affidavit.
- 19 MR. PAUL BONWICK: That'll explain why
- 20 I couldn't find the second one (1) when I was looking
- 21 for it.

- 23 CONTINUED BY MR. PAUL BONWICK:
- 24 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Scroll down,
- 25 please. Thank you. Keep going. Sorry. Just -- I'm

- 1 not that quick. For -- sorry, can you go up just a
- 2 notch there, that's good. Okay. Sorry, could you go
- 3 down to 7 again, please, I just want to make sure
- 4 we're connecting.
- 5 Ms. Hogg, and -- and I, like you, am
- 6 sympathetic to the fact that this was eight years ago
- 7 and difficult to remember, perhaps eight months ago.
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- 9 MR. PAUL BONWICK: But I would ask if
- 10 you could just try to remember back in terms of being
- 11 aware of any communications, and not specifically with
- 12 Mr. Houghton and myself, but can you recall me coming
- 13 by on a couple of different occasions and meeting in
- 14 the boardroom with Mr. Muncaster?
- I -- I don't want to put words in your
- 16 mouth --
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: I'd have to say no.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Okay, because I --
- 19 okay, fair enough. That's the way it is.
- I want to thank you very much for all
- 21 your efforts in leading up to this, post it and
- 22 certainly for turning out today and wish you a great
- 23 long weekend.
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Thank you.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: That concludes my --

1 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank

- 2 you, Mr. Bonwick.
- 3 Before Mr. Chenoweth starts his
- 4 questions, with respect to the financial portion of
- 5 the bid, was it possible that that was released to
- 6 KPMG to do something with before the members of the
- 7 team considered it? Do -- do you have any
- 8 recollection?
- 9 I don't say that for any particular
- 10 reason, it's just a -- a possibility.
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: I don't believe so,
- 12 unless Mr. Muncaster did. I certainly did not.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: All
- 14 right. Mr. Chenoweth...?

- 16 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: In that
- 18 respect, Ms. Hogg, first of all my name is Fred
- 19 Chenoweth, I represent Ed Houghton.
- 20 With respect to the questions of
- 21 Justice Marrocco, there seems to be evidence that
- 22 would seem to suggest that the financial bid was
- 23 released to KPMG and that after getting that document,
- 24 KPMG did an analysis and came to -- and that analysis
- 25 was then given to the -- to the STT team, I can't

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1 recall whether it was before or at the 28th meeting.
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- 2 And the financial scores of the STT
- 3 team were a result of a review of the analysis that
- 4 was completed by KPMG prior to the meeting. Does that
- 5 --
- 6 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Well, I know --
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Does that at
- 8 all assist your memory?
- 9 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Well, I -- I do know
- 10 that KPMG was heavily involved in the finance portion
- 11 of the -- of the scoring. I just don't recall the
- 12 actual -- how the scoring came together. I -- I don't
- 13 know whether the -- the team received all the
- 14 envelopes and then subsequent to that KPMG did their
- 15 evaluation or whether it was being done at the same
- 16 time. I don't recall.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right.
- 18 Right. But they made a significant contribution --
- 19 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Absolutely, yes.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- to the
- 21 eventual financial scores?
- 22 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 23 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 24 Thank you.
- With respect to the November 23rd

- 1 meeting, the scoring of the non-financial, again
- 2 that's been covered and I'll be very brief with
- 3 respect to it.
- I had a sense from what you'd said in
- 5 response to the questions of others that people had
- 6 the non-financial envelope before the meeting.
- 7 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 8 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: That they
- 9 did their scoring prior to their attending the
- 10 meeting?
- 11 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And they
- 13 attended with their non-financial scores to the
- 14 meeting?
- 15 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 17 That -- that they gave you the numbers, which you
- 18 populated into a graft on some sort of overhead in the
- 19 room?
- 20 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Correct.
- 22 And you I think indicated in the
- 23 answers to one (1) of the questions of one (1) of my
- 24 friends, that thereafter there may have been some
- 25 discussion at that time about the various positions of

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1 the potential bidders, correct?
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- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Correct.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 4 And that would've taken place after the scoring, from
- 5 what we've just gone through, correct?
- 6 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Correct?
- 8 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Correct.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 10 So that any discussions that were had, and I got the
- 11 impression you don't specifically remember what the
- 12 nature of those discussions was, but certainly any
- 13 discussions that were had at that time didn't affect
- 14 the -- the non-financial scoring in that people came
- 15 with their scores already prepared, number 1, correct?
- 16 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And number
- 18 2, the scores were put up and put in your -- and
- 19 populated into your graph before the discussions were
- 20 had?
- 21 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- I was interested in -- in the voting
- 24 approach of the STT, in that respect I was
- 25 particularly interested in the position of Mr. Fryer

- 1 and his evidence that he was apparently, in his mind
- 2 in any event, a non-voting member of the STT.
- 3 Assist me with respect to that. Did
- 4 you understand that all the members of the STT team
- 5 were equal in terms of their voting potential?
- 6 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And you
- 8 didn't -- you didn't hear from anyone or understand
- 9 from your observations that any member of the STT
- 10 team, in particular Mr. Fryer, were non-voting
- 11 members.
- 12 MS. PAMELA HOGG: No, that's correct.
- 13 His numbers went into the spreadsheet like everyone
- 14 else's.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 16 And there would have been -- I think
- 17 there's five STT meetings and there would have, on
- 18 occasion, been votes with respect to certain matters
- 19 that came before it, i.e., criteria and things of that
- 20 nature, and they -- they would have in some matter
- 21 come to a consensus, is the word you use in your
- 22 affidavit.
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 24 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: So that as
- 25 far as you were concerned, the STT team moved ahead on

- 1 the basis of a consensus?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Absolutely. I -- I
- 3 don't recall all -- all the discussions that took
- 4 place at meetings, but I can definitely recall there
- 5 was no contentious issues at all.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: So there was
- 7 pretty much some solid agreement amongst the STT team
- 8 with respect to the matters under their consideration.
- 9 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Including,
- 11 for instance, the utility of the strategic partnership
- 12 concept.
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Correct.
- 14 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I'm just
- 15 interested in -- in terms of the physical process, how
- 16 did they judge the consensus? Did people put up their
- 17 hands or was it a -- a question of the chair of the
- 18 meeting getting a -- a sense of the consensus at the
- 19 meeting, or how did we understand that everyone
- 20 agreed, as you've indicated they did?
- 21 MS. PAMELA HOGG: There was on formal
- 22 votes, but it would been -- it would have been just by
- 23 consensus. The chair would have got the direction, if
- 24 someone would have had an issue, it would have been --
- 25 it would have been discussed and brought out.

1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right. So

- 2 that if you had an issue with any of the matters being
- 3 discussed, clearly you had an opportunity to raise
- 4 that?
- 5 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And in your
- 7 observation, any issues that would have been raised
- 8 were resolved and a -- and a full consensus was
- 9 achieved with respect to each member of the team on
- 10 each issue?
- 11 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- Now, you've described in answers to
- 14 other's questions that you had the -- I'm going to
- 15 describe it as the pleasure of working as Mr.
- 16 Houghton's assistant in his Collus jobs for two (2)
- 17 decades.
- 18 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 20 And I had the impression that -- that
- 21 your relationship, your business relationship was such
- 22 that you had a pretty good idea what Mr. Houghton was
- 23 doing most days and when he was doing it?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Generally, yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.

- 1 And that's a function of the fact that you helped
- 2 construct his calendar.
- 3 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Absolutely, yes.
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 5 And you talked back and forth?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 8 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Sometimes yelled.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Over two (2)
- 10 decades, I can see that happening.
- In any event, so you would have a
- 12 pretty good understanding of what his calendar was
- 13 like and what meetings he went and didn't go to?
- 14 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Generally, yes.
- 15 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 16 Thank you. Ms. Wingrove took the position with us
- 17 that -- that Mr. Houghton, on a number of occasions,
- 18 cancelled meetings that she'd arranged with him and
- 19 cancelled them summarily immediately prior to the
- 20 meetings.
- 21 If that was occurring, is that
- 22 something that you believe would have come to your
- 23 attention?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.

1 And that being said, do you have any -- any memory at

- 2 all of Mr. Houghton at any time cancelling any
- 3 meetings with the then CAO, Ms. Wingrove?
- 4 MS. PAMELA HOGG: No.
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 6 MS. PAMELA HOGG: No, I have the
- 7 memory that, no, it didn't happen.
- 8 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I didn't
- 9 happen?
- 10 MS. PAMELA HOGG: I don't know if I
- 11 answered that correctly or not.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Very good.
- 13 Thank you.
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- 15 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I am
- 18 anticipating the evidence of Brian Macdonald and
- 19 others may be that -- that, in fact, Mr. Houghton met
- 20 somewhere between six (6) and ten (10) times a year
- 21 with Ms. Wingrove. Would that be in keeping with your
- 22 memory?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 25 So, there's nothing that you're aware of that would

- 1 suggest that Ms. Wingrove had any difficulty having a
- 2 meeting with Mr. Houghton?
- 3 MS. PAMELA HOGG: No.
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.

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6 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 8 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: You received
- 9 a fifteen thousand dollar (\$15,000) bonus for your
- 10 work -- or you received a fifteen thousand dollar
- 11 (\$15,000) bonus -- I think they're -- I -- I should
- 12 know the date of these. I think they're in --
- 13 sometime in 2012 or 2011?
- 14 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yeah, they -- in
- 15 March.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 17 Thank you. March of 2012?
- 18 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you
- 20 very much. And you understood that -- and Mr.
- 21 Houghton I think told you so, according to your
- 22 affidavit, paragraph 33, that the bonuses were for the
- 23 work that you put in in helping to complete the
- 24 transaction?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.

1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.

- 2 It was interesting. We had some questions of Ms.
- 3 Shuttleworth with respect to this aspect of matters
- 4 earlier today. And she described herself as working
- 5 in excess of seventy-five (75) hours a week over and
- 6 abo -- well, not over and above, but including her
- 7 regular duties in order to get this transaction
- 8 closed.
- 9 MS. PAMELA HOGG: I would say the
- 10 same, yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Would you
- 12 concur with that --
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- 14 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- with that
- 15 view of the way she was working?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 18 And I'm interested in -- in the work that -- that you
- 19 did. What kind of time were you spending during the
- 20 period up to March of 2012 doing your regular work and
- 21 trying to complete this transaction?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: About the same.
- 23 It's -- it's hard to pinpoint it, but there was --
- 24 there was several evenings, weekends. It was a lot of
- 25 -- of hours --

- 1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Very good.
- 2 MS. PAMELA HOGG: -- a lot of hours.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 4 So, you weren't -- you felt the bonuses, I take, were
- 5 -- I take it, were for -- certainly for Ms.
- 6 Shuttleworth, in any event, appropriate for what --
- 7 for what work you saw her doing?
- 8 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Absolutely.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I take
- 10 it that you were also of the view that the bonus that
- 11 -- that you received with respect to that matter was
- 12 appropriate.
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Absolutely.
- 14 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 15 And, in your view, given the work you did, was in --
- 16 in no way could be described as excessive. Is that
- 17 fair?
- 18 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's fair.
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 20 Were you ever told that these bonuses were a secret?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: No.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 23 But you, however, did understand that -- that salary
- 24 matters were to be kept confidential, in any event,
- 25 correct?

- 1 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I think
- 3 you say so in your affidavit. You're not aware of --
- 4 of anyone giving back any of their bonuses?
- 5 MS. PAMELA HOGG: No
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.

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8 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Now, Ms.
- 11 Shuttleworth -- and -- and you've described the -- the
- 12 pride with which you regarded the partnership that you
- 13 all had achieved together. And I'm now talking about
- 14 Collus PowerStream.
- 15 You describe the pride with which you
- 16 regarded that partnership in the -- in the first year
- 17 or so, that you had an opportunity to work in the
- 18 partnership?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I think
- 21 in answer to Mr. Bonwick's questions, you indicated
- 22 that you thought it was a real plus for the Town of
- 23 Collingwood --
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Absolutely.
- 25 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- and gave

- 1 Collus an opportunity to -- to do good work for the
- 2 ratepayers of the Town of Collingwood --
- 3 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- and to
- 5 grow their business?
- 6 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Absolutely.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 8 Ms. Shuttleworth described a change in that that took
- 9 place following Mr. Brown getting the appointment of
- 10 CAO?
- 11 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right. And
- 13 did you -- did you believe there was -- there was a
- 14 change in -- in the direction of that partnership
- 15 after Mr. Brown became involved?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 18 She indicated that -- that, on a number of issues, Mr.
- 19 Brown had a habit of inhibiting the progress of some
- 20 of the issues that would have been necessary for that
- 21 partnership to move forward in an appropriate way.
- Would you concur with Ms. Shuttleworth
- 23 in that respect?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.

- 1 And do you have -- I had a sense that the relationship
- 2 of Ms. Shuttleworth with Mr. Brown was -- was not the
- 3 happiest relationship?
- 4 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Correct.
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Is it --
- 6 would you -- can you -- what can you tell me -- with
- 7 respect to the Shuttleworth evidence I've just
- 8 described, what can you tell me with respect to
- 9 whether your experience with Mr. Brown was similar?
- 10 MS. PAMELA HOGG: Exactly the same.
- 11 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 12 And was that a sense that was held by other staff who
- 13 had occasion to interact with CAO Mr. Brown?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.

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17 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And did that
- 20 relationship allow the partnership of Collus
- 21 PowerStream -- and I'm talking about the Brown
- 22 relationships with the staff and others.
- 23 Did that relationship allow the
- 24 partnership, Collus PowerStream, to move forward in
- 25 the way you would have otherwise anticipated that it

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1 would?
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- MS. PAMELA HOGG: No, absolutely not.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 4 One (1) moment.

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6 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 8 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: That's
- 9 right. Mr. -- Mr. Marron points out to me that you
- 10 were, in fact, the HR manager for a period of time?
- 11 MS. PAMELA HOGG: That's correct.
- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And did you
- 13 notice the -- that the dysfunctionalities in that
- 14 relationship found its way into your office from time
- 15 to time as HR manager?
- 16 OBJ MR. MARCUS OSTROWERKA: Your Honour,
- 17 I'm just -- I'm going to take this opportunity to
- 18 object, and along the similar lines as before. I
- 19 under -- fully understand to the extent this line of
- 20 questioning's relevant to the transaction and the
- 21 partnership and the connection, but when it gets into
- 22 pure personnel matters, I have trouble understanding
- 23 the relevance.
- 24 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I --
- 25 I'm not going to allow the -- the question. It -- it

- 1 doesn't really -- it doesn't really matter whether it
- 2 found its way into the human resources manager or not.
- 3 The witness has testified as to how she
- 4 viewed what prevented the relationship from
- 5 continuing, and I just think it's redundant.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you,
- 7 Your Honour. I'll move on. One (1) second.

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9 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- 11 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Those are my
- 12 questions, Your Honour. Thank you.
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank
- 14 you, Mr. Chenoweth.
- MR. MARCUS OSTROWERKA: No questions.
- 16 Thank you.
- 17 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 18 don't want to -- after my experience with Mr. Marron,
- 19 I don't want to forget anybody.

- 21 RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. JOHN MATHER:
- MR. JOHN MATHER: One (1) brief
- 23 question just to confirm a point. I'd asked you
- 24 whether you shared any information about the STT or
- 25 the bidder presentations with Mr. Bonwick. You said,

1 "No."

- 2 Did you share any information about the
- 3 STT or the bidder presentations with any person
- 4 outside of the STT?
- 5 MS. PAMELA HOGG: No.
- 6 MR. JOHN MATHER: Thank you.
- 7 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank
- 8 you very much. Thank you for your assistance.

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10 (WITNESS STANDS DOWN)

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- 12 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Ms
- 13 Wingrove. We're now going to complete the evidence of
- 14 Ms. Wingrove, who was in the process of being cross-
- 15 examined when we broke one (1) day. And -- and then,
- 16 in order to recover from that experience, I gather she
- 17 went on a holiday.
- So, Ms. Wingrove, you come back to the
- 19 witness stand, please.

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21 KIMBERLY WINGROVE, Previously Sworn

- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Your Honour, if
- 24 it -- if it helps, I've checked the transcript from
- 25 April 18th. Mr. Chenoweth was finished. I know that

- 1 comes as bad news to all of us, but we, therefore, go
- 2 on to everyone else.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: All
- 4 right. Then let's proceed with everyone else. Who's
- 5 next? Mr. Marron...?
- 6 MR. GEORGE MARRON: And, yeah, I'm --
- 7 I'm just wondering, Your Honour. I might -- it might
- 8 be a little less cumbersome if I were to ask some
- 9 questions here given the paperwork that I seem to have
- 10 accumulated on this.
- 11 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: That's
- 12 fine, Mr. Marron.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. Thank you.
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- 15 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- 17 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Do you
- 18 -- do you want a minute to...
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah, that -- that
- 20 might assist. Thank you.
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: All
- 22 right. We'll -- we'll --
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah.
- 24 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: We'll
- 25 take --

- 1 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Your Honour, I'm
- 2 -- I'm prepared to proceed if this helps at all. I've
- 3 got just a few questions; whatever Mr. Marron wants.
- 4 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 5 think what we'll do is we'll just take the break. We
- 6 would have taken it anyway.

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- 8 --- Upon recessing at 3:12 p.m.
- 9 --- Upon resuming at 3:22 p.m.

- 11 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Your Honour,
- 12 just before we proceed with Ms. Wingrove, just one (1)
- 13 matter that I would like to address the court with
- 14 respect to I, in err, did not ask the last witness,
- 15 Ms. Hogg, a question that I think has some
- 16 significance, one (1) question that I'd like to put to
- 17 her, one (1) -- one (1) very brief area of
- 18 questioning.
- 19 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: One
- 20 (1) -- one (1) question, or one (1) area of
- 21 questioning?
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Well, it may
- 23 take three (3) questions, but -- in total, but it --
- 24 it would be extremely brief. And -- and I have
- 25 managed to -- to capture the witness --

- 1 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Ms.
- 2 Hogg, would you come back to the witness stand.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Just --
- 4 she'll be arriving shortly, she was just in the
- 5 parking -- just in the parking lot.
- 6 MR. JOHN MATHER: Your Honour, I don't
- 7 mean to interject, but as Mr. --
- 8 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 9 then -- then we'll -- we'll just continue with Ms.
- 10 Wingrove, we'll do that cross-examination, and then
- 11 we'll deal with Ms. Hogg.
- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you,
- 13 Your Honour. I'm content.
- 14 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Ms.
- 15 Wingrove, would you come back, please, to the witness
- 16 stand? Mr. Watson -- or -- or Mr. Marron, are you
- 17 going to -- are you -- you -- okay.

- 19 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. GEORGE MARRON:
- 20 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Thank you, Your
- 21 Honour. Ms. Wingrove, my name is George Marron. I am
- 22 a resident of the Town of Collingwood, like some of
- 23 the other characters in this room, and I actually grew
- 24 up in Owen Sound, so we have something in common
- 25 presently.

I represent Sandra Cooper, and I have

- 2 some questions for you. And I'd like to begin just
- 3 with a general overview.
- 4 You indicated in your evidence-in-chief
- 5 -- and that was some time ago, and I've had the
- 6 benefit of reviewing the transcript of what you said
- 7 way back when. And if there's any issue in my
- 8 paraphrasing, or summarizing anything, if you would be
- 9 kind enough to let me know if it's a -- a proper
- 10 recall, I'd be content. And likewise, if there's any
- 11 point during your giving evidence, if there's any
- 12 difficulty you have, you just let me know, or His
- 13 Honour, and I'm sure there will be no difficulty in
- 14 that regard.
- So, you indicated to us that you've got
- 16 a wonderful education, and were working with the
- 17 Province of Ontario in the Greater Metropolitan
- 18 Toronto Area, and -- but that at the point in time you
- 19 decided to change careers, in effect, and put your
- 20 name up for consideration, you had had no prior chief
- 21 administrative officer experience?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: If I may, I
- 23 worked across the Province, not solely in -- in
- 24 Toronto. I worked with many municipal councils, but I
- 25 had never been a chief administrative officer, as I

- 1 said.
- 2 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Right. And like
- 3 so many Torontonians, you were able to move to
- 4 Collingwood because there was a position that was open
- 5 and available to you here, and you did it for all the
- 6 proper reasons, to enjoy your family life, get a
- 7 little bit more of a quiet atmosphere, and to be able
- 8 to engage in a challenging career.
- 9 So you -- I take it there's no issue
- 10 with that?
- 11 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: My home was in
- 12 Guelph. I have never actually lived in Toronto.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. Well, I
- 14 won't hold that against you. All right. So -- so you
- 15 moved here and you commenced your employment in the
- 16 year 2009?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Correct.
- 18 MR. GEORGE MARRON: And that would
- 19 have been in the fall?
- 20 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Correct.
- 21 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. So your
- 22 children were in school, then, here, were they?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Correct.
- 24 MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right. And
- 25 the Mayor at that time was Chris Carrier?

- 1 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 2 MR. GEORGE MARRON: And the deputy
- 3 Mayor was Sandra Cooper?
- 4 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes
- 5 MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right. And so
- 6 you'd be familiar, then, with the -- sort of the
- 7 spirit of the times in the sense that there were some
- 8 fairly identiful -- identifiable problems in the Town
- 9 of Collingwood as concerns a fairly substantial debt,
- 10 and perhaps to some degree, a less -- a lesser form of
- 11 efficiency when it came to charges for the
- 12 municipality in various and sundry ways.
- 13 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I'm not sure
- 14 if I'm understanding the latter part of your question.
- 15 Certainly, the -- the Province provides guidelines to
- 16 every municipality about their -- their debt threshold
- 17 that's monitored, and if there's an issue, you'll have
- 18 a -- be having a conversation with the Municipal
- 19 Finance Branch from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs
- 20 and Housing.
- 21 We certainly had not reached our debt
- 22 service capacity, and I think an assessment of how
- 23 much debt is appropriate for any municipality often,
- 24 you know, requires an examination of a number of
- 25 characteristics. There -- certainly, the Town carried

- 1 debt, as all municipalities do.
- 2 The -- the latter part of your
- 3 question, though, I'm not sure I understand.
- 4 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. Well, I --
- 5 I -- yeah. Once again, I was attempting to summarize
- 6 it, but -- but the election that was held in October
- 7 of 2010, there were people who ran on the issue of
- 8 let's get the debt under control, and let's be careful
- 9 with future spending.
- 10 Is that fair to say?
- 11 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I -- I recall
- 12 the comments to that effect, yes.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah. Okay, so
- 14 the -- if I can refer to it, is this the
- 15 administration of Mayor Chris Carrier was not
- 16 successful in being -- well, he wasn't successful in
- 17 being reelected, and I, being a resident here, know
- 18 that a lot of us Council members at that time were not
- 19 reelected as well.
- Is that fair to say?
- 21 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: There was a --
- 22 there was a good turnover in -- in the Collingwood
- 23 Council --
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah.
- 25 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: -- at that

- 1 time.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah. I mean, I'm
- 3 not going to do a headcount of who made it or who
- 4 didn't make it, but there was a changeover of the
- 5 administration, so to speak, in that sense?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: M-hm.
- 7 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah. And what
- 8 came in by way of the elected representatives in the
- 9 latter part of the year 2010 was a strong willed group
- 10 of individuals?
- 11 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: (NO AUDIBLE
- 12 RESPONSE)
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: And not only were
- 14 they -- you're nodding. You agree with that? It was
- 15 a general comment.
- 16 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: As a general
- 17 comment, I would agree.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right. You --
- 19 you indicated in your evidence-in-chief last day that
- 20 there were obviously splits, and there wasn't --
- 21 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: -- unanimity
- 23 throughout? And we understand that.
- 24 So against that background -- but I --
- 25 I take it that when it came to issues dealing with

- 1 debt or efficiency of services, that there was a
- 2 pretty solid majority in favour of anything that would
- 3 accomplish or seem to accomplish that.
- 4 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Again, the --
- 5 efficiency of services aspect of things, I'm not --
- 6 I'm not clear where -- where that's coming from, but
- 7 certainly a concern with debt reduction and the
- 8 ability to free up capacity to move forward with
- 9 initiatives was something --
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay.
- 11 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: -- that was
- 12 top of mind.
- 13 MR. GEORGE MARRON: In reference to
- 14 the spending?
- 15 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 16 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah, okay. Okay.
- 17 So -- so with a new Council coming in, in the year
- 18 2010 -- I'm making reference to the summary document,
- 19 and I just put this to you -- I'm not asking to pull
- 20 up the document, Your Honour. There's an indication
- 21 early on at paragraph 18 on the summary document that
- 22 on the 25th and 26th of November 2010, that there was
- 23 an orientation session conducted by you for the
- 24 incoming Council.
- 25 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I believe that

- 1 there were a number of participants --
- 2 MR. GEORGE MARRON: There was --
- 3 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: -- in that but
- 4 certainly I had a role to play.
- 5 MR. GEORGE MARRON: And there was --
- 6 there was reference made to a -- a link or what we
- 7 used to review that, and it set out basically the
- 8 topics that were addressed, and there was an outline
- 9 dealing with a number of topics which you addressed.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah, okay. And -
- 12 and I take it that just in my attempt at efficiency,
- 13 there wasn't any review of the Municipal Conflict of
- 14 Interest Act during that two-day orientation session?
- 15 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I think --
- 16 were not representatives of Aird & Berlis there to
- 17 provide that aspect of the orientation?
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah, okay. Well
- 19 that -- and that's my understanding as well. All
- 20 right.
- 21 So -- so I'd like to move on then to
- 22 the 6th and 7th of January 2011, and upon those days
- 23 there was a second Council orientation session or
- 24 sessions held at the Collingwood Town Hall and you
- 25 were present throughout this.

- 1 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 2 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay.
- 3 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I -- I assume
- 4 so, yes.
- 5 MR. GEORGE MARRON: And it was at that
- 6 point that Leo Longo and John Mascarin of the Aird &
- 7 Berlis legal for -- legal firm gave slides --
- 8 presentation on the Municipal Conflict of Act (sic)
- 9 and on municipal law and on the law of defamation.
- 10 Do you recall that?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 12 MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right. So
- 13 just before we get into -- to the particulars of that,
- 14 the foundation brief establishes at paragraph 24 that
- 15 in 2010 the Town of Collingwood did not have a Code of
- 16 Conduct or an integrity commissioner.
- 17 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Those things
- 18 didn't -- were not required by regulation at that
- 19 time.
- 20 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Right, right. I
- 21 mean, there had been a study on a Code of Conduct that
- 22 had happened prior to your arrival in Collingwood as
- 23 the CAO but it had never been implemented.
- You're aware of that?
- 25 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.

- 1 MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right, okay.
- 2 So, for the years then 2010 through 2012, which are
- 3 fundamentally under review in this Inquiry, there was
- 4 no integrity commissioner. I believe that the
- 5 integrity commissioner wasn't appointed until sometime
- 6 in December 2013, I believe.
- 7 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I can't speak
- 8 to that.
- 9 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay, all right.
- 10 And there wasn't a Code of Conduct in place at that
- 11 point, during 2010 to 2012? What's -- what's your
- 12 recollection?
- 13 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I -- yeah, I'm
- 14 -- I'm -- I'm struggling here to remember if there was
- 15 specific --
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Well, we heard --
- 17 we heard some information on that, and I believe it
- 18 was beyond 2012.
- 19 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That it came
- 20 into effect. I can accept that, yes.
- 21 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. So I'd like
- 22 to refer the witness then Your Honour to a document
- 23 numbered TOC0534828. This is a Code of Ethics for the
- 24 Town of Collingwood for members of Council. If -- if
- 25 we could just scroll through that. It's a fairly

- 1 short code, Your Honour. I might have difficulty
- 2 acceding to any of the conditions there but it's a
- 3 fairly short code.
- So it -- it deals, as it indicates --
- 5 you're familiar with it.
- 6 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes. This is
- 7 normally something that councillors would -- would
- 8 swear or affirm at the time that they take office.
- 9 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah. And -- and
- 10 we've heard information to that effect, and in fact on
- 11 the back page of the document there's an indication
- 12 that on the 6th of December 2010, each and every
- 13 member of Council signed and acknowledged that, all
- 14 right?
- 15 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: (NO AUDIBLE
- 16 RESPONSE).
- 17 MR. GEORGE MARRON: I'd like to refer
- 18 you in that document though to paragraph 7, if that
- 19 could be -- thank you. And -- and paragraph 7 deals
- 20 with conflicts of interest, and it -- it simply states
- 21 that:
- 22 "Member of -- members of Council
- 23 will recognize their obligations to
- follow and respect both the letter
- and spirit of the provisions of the

- 1 Municipal Act and the Municipal Act
- 2 -- Municipal Conflict of Interest
- Act as amended from time to time."
- 4 So it specifically refers a member of
- 5 Council in any instance of a conflict of interest to
- 6 have regard to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act
- 7 or the Municipal Act --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 9 MR. GEORGE MARRON: -- in general.
- 10 Yeah, all right.
- 11 So then if we can then move on to the
- 12 January 7, 2011, orientation session, and I'd like to
- 13 refer the witness to Document Number CJI0009080, and
- 14 this is the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act and a
- 15 presentation which was made on the 7th of January 2011
- 16 by Leo Longo.
- So just -- just in -- if we could
- 18 review that then. It indicates -- and I can lead the
- 19 witness through this, Your Honour.
- 20 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Go
- 21 right ahead, Mr. Marron.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right, I'll do
- 23 that. Okay.
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- 25 CONTINUED BY MR. GEORGE MARRON:

1 MR. GEORGE MARRON: It indicates by way of background that the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act was enacted in 1972 and the legislation 3 has received substantial judicial consideration, indicates that the purpose secondly -- it sets the -the Conflict of Interest Act sets out a framework for when participation in local government decision-making 7 is appropriate, and that the legislative goal in enacting the act is to protect the public interest, and that the intent of the act is to prohibit any 10 11 member of a municipal council having a pecuniary 12 interest or monetary interest in a matter being 13 considered by Council from having any involvement in 14 the matter. 15 And it goes on to indicate and to define conflict of interest -- attributes a common 16 meaning to conflict of interest and then it -- in 17 18 which it states that: 19 "A situation in which a person has a 20 private or personal interest 21 sufficient to appear to influence 22 the objective exercise of his or her 23 official duties as say a public 24 official, an employee, or a professional." 2.5

- 1 And that the meaning in the Municipal
- 2 Conflict of Interest Act is in reference to a "direct,
- 3 indirect, or deemed pecuniary interest."
- 4 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: M-hm.
- 5 MR. GEORGE MARRON: The word "deemed"
- 6 was used there. All right? So it's either a direct
- 7 or an indirect interest, or a deemed interest. And
- 8 then that's the conflict of interest as it's captured
- 9 on the page 4. Thank you.
- 10 It talks about a financial interest in
- 11 a positive way, in other words that there's a gain of
- 12 one's monetary position or a negative aspect to it
- 13 to -- or where you're cutting your losses.
- 14 And it defines a direct interest and an
- 15 indirect interest and then a deemed interest, which is
- 16 set out in section 3 of the Conflict of Interest Act
- 17 as I read it to you.
- 18 It says here that:
- 19 "A direct or indirect interest of a
- spouse, child regardless of age,
- 21 parent is deemed to be the member's
- 22 own interest. "
- 23 And then below that, Mr. Longo has
- 24 noted some things are not mentioned. All right?
- 25 So was that then your understanding of

- 1 the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act as it pertained
- 2 to the incoming Council? This was the orientation
- 3 review in part but specifically in reference to
- 4 conflict of interest. This was the message in the
- 5 fact it was being provided on the orientation session
- 6 of January 7, 2011?
- 7 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That's
- 8 correct. And it is, I think, common practice that
- 9 when it comes to discussions of conflict of interest,
- 10 incoming Council are walked through, as Mr. Longo did
- 11 here, the specific text of the Act. And then Council
- 12 is always told that they need to seek independent
- 13 legal advice.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Right.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: If they are
- 16 unclear about whether or not there's an issue, they
- 17 need to take that up with their own legal counsel.
- 18 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Right. I
- 19 was just going to get to that but thank you.
- 20 That was set forth in the saving
- 21 provisions. Now, that -- that's something that
- 22 generally comes into play if a community member takes
- 23 issue a Council member and raises the issue of
- 24 conflict of interest.
- 25 That's -- an application can be brought

- 1 before a judge for a declaration of that, and it sets
- 2 out by way of saving provision that -- that a
- 3 contravention of the Municipal Conflict of Interest
- 4 Act statute by a member, being a Council member, is
- 5 saved from what might be draconian treatment if the
- 6 contribution is due to inadvertence or an error in
- 7 judgment.
- 8 And then it concludes with some tips.
- 9 Thank you . If we could just go -- we can go back to
- 10 the conclusions? Thank you.
- 11 So it indicates here that:
- 12 "The conflict of interest in the
- 13 Municipal Conflict of Interest Act
- 14 is not nearly as broad as the
- 15 general public likely thinks it is."
- 16 Pecuniary interest is key. There's a
- 17 positive duty on the member, of course, to declare the
- 18 interest, that there are a large of exemptions, and
- 19 that there are saving provisions in the Act for
- 20 inadvertence and error in judgment. And there is
- 21 abundant and, at times, contradictory case law.
- Now, I take it that that -- and there
- 23 wasn't any recorded -- this wasn't as an orientation
- 24 meeting that was being recorded in any way, so there's
- 25 no record really of what was said. All we have is

- 1 this outline.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That's
- 3 correct.
- 4 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. And I don't
- 5 imagine Mr. Longo was about to get involved in a
- 6 review of case law that may or may not --
- 7 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: No, no.
- 8 MR. GEORGE MARRON: No, no. It wasn't
- 9 a -- it wasn't a law school class or anything like
- 10 that. All right.
- 11 Okay. So he goes on to indicate he's
- 12 got a -- he's got a couple of tips here. The first
- 13 under the title "some tips" indicates that you
- 14 demonstrate Municipal Conflict of Interest Act
- 15 compliance and good faith by being informed of your
- 16 affairs obviously and of the affairs, I take it, of
- 17 your spouse -- that might cause some difficulty -- of
- 18 your children, of your parents, corporations,
- 19 partners, employers, to the best extent possible to
- 20 identify any pecuniary interest. Any -- also -- his
- 21 words -- people who read the Municipal Conflict of
- 22 Interest Act.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: M-hm.
- 24 MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right. Then
- 25 he indicates under the next title of "some tips" that

- 1 is Town Council, A&B -- which is Aird & Berlis -- is
- 2 not able to provide Municipal Conflict of Interest
- 3 Act advice to individual Council members.
- 4 So that was your indication earlier
- 5 that it would be putting a Council member on notice
- 6 that if he wanted some legal advice, he'd have to go
- 7 out and line up his own lawyer. And that -- and that
- 8 might entail some considerable expense obviously.
- 9 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I think that
- 10 it would dependent on the -- on the complexity of
- 11 the --
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah.
- 13 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: -- of the
- 14 situation and the relationship with that particular
- 15 firm.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah. That's fair
- 17 to say. But it -- but it means obtaining your own
- 18 opinion from someone versed in -- in the law.
- 19 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Correct.
- 20 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah. Okay. So
- 21 throughout the Inquiry to present time, you know,
- 22 we've heard information from various Council
- 23 members -- Sandra Cooper, Rick Lloyd, Ian Chadwick --
- 24 have come forth and testified. And they indicated that
- 25 they viewed any potential conflict of interest that

- 1 they might have along the lines of the Municipal
- 2 Conflict of Interest Act.
- 3 And specifically, as the category of
- 4 person is set out and each and every one (1) of them
- 5 have acknowledged that -- that the Municipal Conflict
- 6 of Interest Act did not pertain to a sibling. And --
- 7 and that's your understanding of the Act, as well.
- 8 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That is the
- 9 way the text is written.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. So I
- 11 take it that when Sara Almas in June of 2011 sent you
- 12 an indication that Mr. Bonwick had been in to see her
- 13 and that he had been requesting an opinion or -- at
- 14 least an indication from her that his sibling,
- 15 Mayor Sandra Cooper, would not fall within the
- 16 dictates of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act,
- 17 that -- that opinion or review by Sara Almas was
- 18 provided, and she provided you a copy of that
- 19 correspondence.
- Now, that was -- that was on the 6th of
- 21 June that she sent it to you. And it was sometime
- 22 fairly shortly after that on June the 10th that you
- 23 received an email from Paul Bonwick requesting a
- 24 meeting with you. And the email, if I could call that
- 25 up, Your Honour, it's TOC0049604.

1 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- 3 MR. GEORGE MARRON: I think this is an
- 4 email chain. Can we scroll all the -- I always scroll
- 5 up when I mean scroll down.
- 6 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I'm
- 7 not sure anybody can help you with that, Mr. Marron.

- 9 CONTINUED BY MR. GEORGE MARRON:
- 10 MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right. So
- 11 here -- here we are. We see the message or at least
- 12 the email that was sent on the 10th of June asking if
- 13 he could meet with you for about half an hour. He
- 14 wanted to discuss a company that he's recently started
- 15 to provide services, and he indicates that the purpose
- 16 of the meeting to provide disclosure, as well as
- 17 purpose. I assume that his propose an additional
- 18 meeting?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 20 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. Now -- now,
- 21 you gave evidence last day in reference to this. And
- 22 -- and you agreed to and did see Paul Ben -- Bonwick
- 23 on the 14th of June, and that was a meeting that was
- 24 held in your office?
- 25 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.

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1 MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right. And --
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- 2 and you indicated that you really -- that -- that you
- 3 had -- I -- I'm not all that certain. Did -- did you
- 4 have -- I -- I believe you indicated that you had an
- 5 opportunity to speak with Sara Almas in reference to
- 6 Paul Bonwick's attendance on her on the 2nd of June
- 7 and the fact that she sent you an email relating to
- 8 that, that you had some brief review with Sara Almas
- 9 as to what the meeting may be about, or did you
- 10 really...
- 11 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That -- that -
- 12 I -- I believe that we saw earlier that Sara had
- 13 forwarded an email to me.
- 14 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah, yeah.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yeah.
- 16 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah, okay. So,
- 17 whether there was -- I take it what you're saying, you
- 18 can't recall whether there was a meeting or not?
- 19 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I -- we didn't
- 20 meet on it specifically, whether or not there was a
- 21 passing conversation.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. Okay.
- 23 Okay. So, on the 14th of June then you had a meeting
- 24 with Paul Bonwick in your office. And -- and I take
- 25 it that that meeting was as set out in the alleged

- 1 purpose of the meeting in the email of June the 10th,
- 2 that the meeting was to provide disclosure in
- 3 reference to the company that he'd recently started to
- 4 provide services?
- 5 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Mr. Bonwick
- 6 told me that his company, Compenso, was going to pe --
- 7 be providing services to PowerStream.
- 8 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Right. And did he
- 9 indicate to you the nature or the scope of the
- 10 services?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: No.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: And specifically,
- 13 did -- did he indicate to you what company he was
- 14 representing or might -- might be representing?
- 15 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: PowerStream.
- 16 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah. And I'm
- 17 just referring you to your -- the transcript of the
- 18 evidence of the 16th of April, 2019, at page 239. You
- 19 were asked essentially that same question, what else
- 20 can you tell us about the meeting. And your response
- 21 was simply that:
- 22 "Mr. Bonwick attended my office. He
- indicated that he would be doing
- 24 some work with PowerStream with
- 25 regard to assisting them with their

247 communications and government 1 relations work as it related to this 2 3 idea of the utilities needing to amalgamate." 5 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes. 6 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Or is that -- that MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That's 9 correct. 10 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. So, he used 11 the term 'amalgamate'. And did you focus on that at 12 all, the word 'amalgamate'? 13 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: It was a very 14 short -- it was a very brief conversation. 15 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah. Well, no, I think you indicated that the meeting on -- well, you indicated on that same page of your evidence it was a 17 18 short meeting. And I think someone along the line 19 asked you to estimate the time, and I think you said ten (10) minutes perhaps, so. 20 21 But -- but there was a purpose that was 22 set out and you did use the term 'amalgamate'. So, 23 just -- just moving on cro --24 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: If I can 25 clarify. Certainly, I don't believe that the word

- 1 'amalgamate' was used in the specific conversation
- 2 with Mr. Bonwick. I don't -- I -- I don't think that
- 3 I would have said it. I think I was describing the
- 4 overall structure of -- of the agreement.
- 5 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay.
- 6 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: But...
- 7 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Well, what --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: He -- Mr.
- 9 Bonwick disclosed to me that he would be representing
- 10 PowerStream in the process. What we knew was that
- 11 there had been -- this was -- this information was
- 12 provided to me within the context of the larger
- 13 discussion which I think I've stated on several
- 14 occasions had been ongoing for some time about the
- 15 need for LDCs to be rationalizing their operations and
- 16 looking at amalgamations, efficiencies, that sort of
- 17 thing.
- So, I think when I gave my testimony
- 19 what I was speaking to was -- was within that frame of
- 20 reference.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah. Okay. So,
- 22 what you're saying, in effect, is that you -- you got
- 23 that thought or had reason to think that's what was
- 24 being disclosed but that the term 'amalgamate' may not
- 25 have been used, but the message was -- was there?

- 1 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That's
- 2 correct.
- 3 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. And -- and,
- 4 as you knew at the time, I mean, PowerStream was --
- 5 was a local distribution company adjacent to the
- 6 Collingwood area?
- 7 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Correct.
- 8 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. Okay. Do
- 9 you recall, was -- was the word 'acquisition' used in
- 10 that? I appreciate that we're going back all these
- 11 years, but -- but at least you came away with this
- 12 thought that this was, obviously, the purpose of the
- 13 meeting then, was to indicate he's working with
- 14 PowerStream and in some capacity.
- There seems to be some consistency with
- 16 communications and government relation work. Sandra
- 17 Cooper told us that.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 19 MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right. Now,
- 20 were you aware when you had this meeting on the 10th
- 21 of June that he -- obviously, you're aware that he had
- 22 pro -- had approached Sara Almas because she had sent
- 23 you an email confirming that. But -- but were you
- 24 aware that on the same day that he approached Sara
- 25 Almas that he approached his sister, Sandra Cooper?

- 1 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: No, I was not.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right. So, I
- 3 take it that you never -- well, correct me if I'm
- 4 wrong, but I take it that you never observed any
- 5 written correspondence that Sandra Cooper forwarded to
- 6 Brian Bentz, of the PowerStream group --
- 7 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: No. No.
- 8 MR. GEORGE MARRON: -- on the 2nd of
- 9 June?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: No.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. Have you
- 12 ever seen a letter, that letter?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Only in the
- 14 documents.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Only in the
- 16 document, okay. Okay. That letter used the term
- 17 'acquisition' in reference to his description of
- 18 communications and government relations work. You
- 19 used the term 'acquisition'.
- 20 And do you recall that in your review
- 21 of the Foundation Document?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Not
- 23 specifically.
- 24
- 25 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 1 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Now, just -- just
- 2 before we move on, there was some indication in your
- 3 evidence in-chief that you describe this -- this
- 4 meeting of -- that you had with Mr. Bonwick to
- 5 something as a bit of a put-up, that, in other words,
- 6 he'd be able to, at some point in the future, refer to
- 7 fact that he met with Kim and for whatever purpose he
- 8 might have in -- in doing that. Do you recall that?
- 9 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes, I do.
- 10 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. And -- and
- 11 is that something that came out of the discussion or
- 12 is that something, just a result of your assessment of
- 13 Paul Bonwick?
- 14 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: It was not
- 15 clear to me exactly what the purpose was of -- of
- 16 coming to inform me of this relationship.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. Okay. Now,
- 18 were you -- were you aware of the fact that prior to
- 19 his attendance on you on the 10th of June, that he had
- 20 in fact negotiated and had obtained a draft retainer
- 21 from PowerStream which set out the scope of his
- 22 services to be rendered on behalf of PowerStream?
- 23 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: It has become
- 24 abundantly clear to me that there were a great many
- 25 things that I was not aware of, and I was not aware of

- 1 that.
- 2 MR. GEORGE MARRON: No, I appreciate
- 3 that. But -- but specifically --
- 4 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: No.
- 5 MR. GEORGE MARRON: I mean, I used the
- 6 date June the 1st. And I can indicate to you that --
- 7 that -- and I spoke about a draft of a retainer. But
- 8 there was a retainer letter and a retainer that was
- 9 entered into between Mr. Bonwick and PowerStream on
- 10 the 7th of June, 2011.
- 11 Was that disclosed to you?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: No.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. The fact of
- 14 the retainer agreement wasn't disclosed to you?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: No.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: The fact of any
- 17 scope of services that might have been set out in the
- 18 retainer, was that disclosed at all?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: No.
- 20 MR. GEORGE MARRON: And -- all right,
- 21 so -- so -- so we'll move on then from the 14th of
- 22 June meeting.
- Now, I -- I appreciate and -- and the
- 24 document will bear me out that the scope of the
- 25 retainer indicated that there has to be the furnishing

- 1 of disclosure as to the scope of the services to be
- 2 rendered to the clerk of Collingwood and to the mayor
- 3 of Collingwood.
- 4 And it -- it didn't specifically state
- 5 that he had to disclose to the CAO of the Town of
- 6 Collingwood.
- 7 But I guess the question is what --
- 8 what -- what if anything in your mind with the meeting
- 9 had -- or what would be the purpose of the meeting?
- I mean, it was stipulated in the
- 11 initial correspondence of June -- of the chance at
- 12 June when he requested the meeting that he wanted to
- 13 provide disclosure in reference to the Company, so you
- 14 -- you're saying in effect that wasn't done.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I guess it
- 16 would depend on how one (1) defined the word
- 17 "disclosure".
- 18 Mr. Bonwick told me that he was working with
- 19 PowerStream.
- 20 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Right.
- 21 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I took that to
- 22 mean within the boundaries of what a communications
- 23 and government relations firm does.
- I had no knowledge of anything that
- 25 went beyond that. I assumed that we were writing

- 1 letters and, you know that -- helping people to get
- 2 their message across to, you know, shape
- 3 communications. That was my assumption of what a
- 4 communications assistance would be.
- 5 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Fair enough.
- 6 So there was an indication on the same
- 7 day, June 14th, 2011, of a communication with Deputy
- 8 Mayor Lloyd by Mr. Bonwick, an email. And it made
- 9 reference to 29 June, 2011 meeting as between the Town
- 10 of Collingwood members of -- executive members in town
- 11 hall with PowerStream, and in particular Brian Bentz
- 12 of PowerStream.
- 13 Do you recall getting a -- an
- 14 invitation to -- to such a meeting the 29th of June
- 15 and the invitation would have been set out on the 22nd
- 16 of June? Do you recall that?
- 17 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I recall
- 18 attending the meeting.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yes, okay.
- 20 And -- but this was a formal invitation
- 21 by Mayor Sandra Cooper and it was extended to Ed
- 22 Houghton, to the Deputy Mayor, Rick Lloyd, to Dean
- 23 Muncaster and to yourself, and to Brian Bentz of
- 24 PowerStream, who added Jeff Lehman as someone to
- 25 accompany him.

- 1 Now -- now, you were asked last time
- 2 you were here if you could confirm who was there, and
- 3 I appreciate the passage of time, but in -- in giving
- 4 you those names is there anyone that you can indicate
- 5 wasn't there, or are you in the -- no? All right.
- 6 Well, obviously the mayor would be
- 7 there, she was hosting the -- the meeting, I take it.
- 8 You were there?
- 9 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 10 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Deputy Rick Lloyd
- 11 indicates that he was there?
- 12 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: So that's your
- 14 recollection?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Do you recall
- 17 Brian Bentz being there?
- 18 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I believe both
- 19 Brian Bentz and Jeff Lehman or -- yes, Jeff Lehman
- 20 were there.
- 21 MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right. Now --
- 22 now were you aware at the time, I mean, you knew Jeff
- 23 Lehman was the Mayor of Barrie I assume.
- 24 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Did you realize

- 1 that he was the CEO of PowerStream?
- 2 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I don't know
- 3 that it -- I don't know that it was clear to me that
- 4 that was his position. Jeff Lehman?
- 5 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yes.
- 6 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Okay, no, I
- 7 didn't know that.
- 8 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay, so your
- 9 answer is no, you didn't realize that?
- 10 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: No, I didn't
- 11 know.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. All right,
- 13 now -- now you indicated in your evidence that you
- 14 were asked to sort of assess the nature of this
- 15 meeting and you -- you indicated it was, in your mind,
- 16 a bit of a meet and greet and -- and I think you
- 17 indicated that you really didn't acknowledge any
- 18 particular purpose to the meeting.
- 19 And I'm saying it now that we put it in
- 20 the chronological order as adopted and put to you
- 21 today, does it appear today to be something a little
- 22 different than -- I mean, in -- in -- as concerns the
- 23 purpose of the meeting and as concerns the purpose of
- 24 Paul Bonwick approaching not only you, but the mayor,
- 25 a sister, and Sara Almas.

1 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: At the time I

- 2 think it -- the feeling was that this was going --
- 3 this was the -- the process that we were going
- 4 through, that we would be meeting with representatives
- 5 of some of the interested utilities.
- 6 And I -- I did not -- I did not read
- 7 more into it than that. This was an opportunity for
- 8 them to talk about who they were.
- 9 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Right. And there
- 10 was nothing you -- you found offensive about that?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: It was -- it -
- 12 it was a dog and pony show and that was fine.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: That's an Owen
- 14 Sound term, dog and pony.
- Okay, so you -- so you attributed no
- 16 specific significance to that --
- 17 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I did not come
- 18 out of that meeting feeling like I -- I have no
- 19 recollection of feeling like information was shared
- 20 during that specific particular meeting that -- that
- 21 made me feel uncomfortable or that, you know, they
- 22 talked about what they did.
- 23 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yes. Do you -- do
- 24 you recall if Dean Muncaster was at that meeting of --
- 25 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I don't recall

- 1 Dean being there. I don't recall, but that doesn't
- 2 mean it didn't happen. I just don't recall.
- 3 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yes, I appreciate
- 4 that, but -- but it was a meeting that was held with
- 5 PowerStream in proximity to other events that were
- 6 happening in the month of June that had happened, so
- 7 you -- you didn't put any of that together.
- 8 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I think it,
- 9 you know, the one (1) kind of frame of reference that
- 10 I would put around all of this is at the time I had a
- 11 very narrow slice of information about this.
- 12 I had not been involved in any kind of
- 13 a significant way in any of the deliberations that
- 14 happened at the Collus Board or, you know, the
- 15 discussions that I think had -- had brought us to that
- 16 point, beyond anything that had been discussed at
- 17 Council.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yes.
- 19 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I was managing
- 20 a significant portfolio of activities and this was one
- 21 (1) thing of many.
- I -- I simply didn't see at that stage
- 23 and had no reason to think that, you know, that there
- 24 was something more than that.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Well, that's fair

- 1 and -- and you explained to us last day the -- the
- 2 area that Ed Houghton occupied, basically to his
- 3 exclusion and that involved the Department of Works,
- 4 it involved the Collus Group of Companies.
- 5 And so -- so far as your
- 6 responsibilities as CAO were concerned, they were kind
- 7 of exempted from all that, it seemed to have been
- 8 deferred to Ed Houghton and that had been done years
- 9 before, certainly before your arrival as the CAO in
- 10 Collingwood?
- 11 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yes. My pile of
- 13 paper is getting lowered here.

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15 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 17 MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right, now
- 18 there -- there's just a couple of areas and there was
- 19 some questioning of Sandra Cooper by the Town of
- 20 Collingwood counsel in reference to a legal opinion
- 21 that was being urged to be obtained and I think
- 22 initially by Ian Chadwick. And it had to do with the
- 23 salaries of the Collus employees.
- 24 And there was some exchange of --
- 25 exchange of emails where Sandra Cooper in April -- I

- 1 believe on April the 5th of 2011 received an email
- 2 from her brother which -- and I'm referring here to
- 3 the Foundation Document. Perhaps we should call that
- 4 up just in fairness to the witness, Your Honour, if we
- 5 could: Paragraph 66 of the Foundation Document.
- 6 Six-six, yeah.

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8 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 10 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah. So the
- 11 second sentence. And he indicates in April -- it was
- 12 the 5th of April 2011, and that comes from the -- the
- 13 email itself. Mr. Bonwick suggested to Mayor Cooper
- 14 that she consider obtaining a legal opinion on the
- 15 public disclosure of the salary of Collus employees
- 16 including that of Mr. Houghton.
- Now, do you recall in April being
- 18 approached by Sandra Cooper to -- as part of your --
- 19 your responsibilities as CAO to get involved in this
- 20 issue and with a view to silencing the issue, in
- 21 effect, or responding to it?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes, I do
- 23 recall.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. Well, there
- 25 was a -- there was a note that went out from

- 1 Sandra Cooper, and it -- it's an attachment to an
- 2 email, but it went out to the members of Council, to
- 3 yourself, Ed Houghton, and the president of Collus.
- 4 And this is a -- this is a -- I'll identify the
- 5 document, Your Honour. It's TOC0044451. I don't need
- 6 to pull it up on the screen for my purposes, but if
- 7 you'd like to see it, Ms. Wingrove --
- 8 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 9 think we should put it on the screen.
- 10 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Pull it up?
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- 13 CONTINUED BY MR. GEORGE MARRON:
- 14 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Thank you. So
- 15 this is indication as set out on the -- on the
- 16 document. Do you recall how you -- it doesn't appear
- 17 to be emailed. Was this something that was hand
- 18 delivered, or do you recall?
- 19 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I don't -- so
- 20 are you suggesting that -- that this was given to me?
- 21 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Well, it names
- 22 you, and it says to --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes. I -- I
- 24 will tell you what I recall about the conversation.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay.

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1 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: So there had
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- 2 been ongoing tension about -- with certain people
- 3 wanting to see all of those salaries released.
- 4 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yes. This -- this
- 5 had been something --
- 6 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: And --
- 7 MR. GEORGE MARRON: -- that had been
- 8 festering for a long time.
- 9 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: -- exactly.
- 10 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah, yeah.
- 11 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: And there was
- 12 great reluctance to see those salaries released. And
- 13 so the -- to get a legal opinion to be able to put the
- 14 matter to rest about whether or not it was appropriate
- 15 to release them.
- 16 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Right. Okay. So
- 17 I take it that Sandra Cooper approached you with a
- 18 view to asking you to resolve the issue. Is that
- 19 fair?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Well, we had
- 21 to get the -- we had to request a legal opinion, yes.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Well, I'm looking
- 23 at the special meeting of Council minutes, so April
- 24 the 18th. And this is document CJI0007951.
- 25 And it's a -- pull that up -- yeah.

- 1 Thank you. It indicates who was present by way of
- 2 Council members if we just scroll down a bit. Thank
- 3 you. It indicates that you were present as well.
- 4 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: M-hm.
- 5 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. And if we
- 6 could go to the third page of the document and just at
- 7 the top, it says "motions," and then it indicates the
- 8 Council's proceeding in camera. You see that where
- 9 it's moved by Councillor Hull and seconded by Lloyd --
- 10 Councillor Lloyd, went into camera?
- 11 And then it indicates when we look at
- 12 other business --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Which would
- 14 have been conducted --
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. Is that the
- 16 second --
- 17 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: -- that was
- 18 not in camera.
- 19 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah. The --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: So they went
- 21 in camera; they came out of in camera.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: I'm sorry?
- 23 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: So they went
- 24 in -- in camera to speak to two (2) specific items
- 25 that were listed above and that resolution. They came

- 1 out of in camera, and then we moved on.
- 2 MR. GEORGE MARRON: No. I think
- 3 they're still in camera when it says "other
- 4 business" -- if we go down to the second bullet, it
- 5 says that you review the rationale as to why the
- 6 Collus Power salaries are not disclosed.
- 7 And then if you go down to the bottom
- 8 of the -- it says Council proceeded to in camera.
- 9 It's presently resolved, and then they rose from in
- 10 camera and returned to public session.
- Do you see that? So this would have
- 12 been in camera because it's -- it's a confidential
- 13 matter, is it not, the matters of salary?
- 14 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: It's not
- 15 listed -- it's not listed as one (1) of the reasons
- 16 why we went in camera. Sorry. It's not listed as one
- 17 (1) of the reasons why we went in camera. This isn't
- 18 -- if -- it doesn't seem right to me. Items --
- 19 when you go in camera, you are required to state the
- 20 reason, the -- the items that you intend to discuss.
- 21 And this -- having those -- only those
- 22 two (2) -- the health and safety charge status review
- 23 and the Harbour Licence Agreement -- as the only two
- 24 (2) items to be discussed in camera, it's -- if, in
- 25 fact, this other was -- I -- I don't -- and we

- 1 wouldn't be discussing a notice of motion in camera
- 2 either. That -- that's not correct.
- 3 So there's something irregular about
- 4 the way these minutes are -- are put together here.
- 5 We -- we just -- we wouldn't talk about that in
- 6 camera.
- 7 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay.
- 8 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: So that --
- 9 MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right. So it
- 10 may have very well been a public portion of the --
- 11 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That's
- 12 correct.
- 13 MR. GEORGE MARRON: -- I mean of the
- 14 Council meeting notwithstanding.
- 15 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yeah. Yeah.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yeah.
- 18 MR. GEORGE MARRON: So -- but it
- 19 indicates under "other business" -- and whether it's
- 20 in camera or not --
- 21 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yeah.
- 22 MR. GEORGE MARRON: -- the indication
- 23 is the CAO Wingrove reviewed the rationale as to why
- 24 Collus Power salaries are not disclosed under the
- 25 Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, advising Council

- 1 that the Collus Power is incorporated under the
- 2 Business Incorporation Act.
- In order to be a public sector
- 4 employee, there are several tests that must be passed,
- 5 one (1) of which relates to the funding received from
- 6 the province which is not the case for Collus Power.
- 7 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: M-hm.
- 8 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Another relates to
- 9 the disclosure of salaries and the regulations of the
- 10 Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of
- 11 Privacy Act as it would be considered personal
- 12 information. So -- so that was what you report in and
- 13 reviewed with the Council then.
- 14 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right. And
- 16 there's no indication that this was something that was
- 17 obtained by way of a legal opinion. This was just the
- 18 rationale that was set forth.
- 19 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Where would I
- 20 have gotten that information?
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Well, I don't
- 22 know.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I certainly
- 24 don't propose to be an expert on the interpretation of
- 25 those things, so I would have -- I would have had

- 1 advice in order to put that forward in that matter.
- 2 MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right. But if
- 3 it's a legal opinion, would it not have been better to
- 4 provide that opinion in in camera?
- 5 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I think the
- 6 reason why it was being discussed in open session was
- 7 because there was discussion in the public realm with
- 8 regard to why Collus salaries were not on the sunshine
- 9 list with the other members of the municipal staff.
- 10 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Fair enough.

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12 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 14 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: If I may, I
- 15 see that's what's happened with these minutes is just
- 16 the way they're written. It shows us going in camera
- 17 as previously resolved above at 6:45 and coming out at
- 18 7:35.
- 19 So the -- I think the -- what our
- 20 practice was at the Town was to get through as much of
- 21 the agenda as we possibly could so that in camera was
- 22 left to the end of the meeting so that people from the
- 23 public or the media didn't sit and wait while you went
- 24 through what could be a long in camera session. We --
- 25 we did all the business, the public business, and then

- 1 went in camera. That's what's happened here.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. Now, I take
- 3 it that -- do you recall who provided the legal
- 4 opinion?
- 5 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I would -- my
- 6 discussions with legal would have been with Aird &
- 7 Berlis. And I believe that Mr. Houghton himself had
- 8 provided information.
- 9 MR. GEORGE MARRON: So, this is Aird &
- 10 Berlis then providing an opinion to the Town, but they
- 11 were hired by the Town and were available to do that.
- 12 I mean, in the orientation they indicated that they
- 13 couldn't provide certain services, you know, to
- 14 members of Council.
- 15 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: To individual
- 16 councillors --
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah.
- 18 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: -- with regard
- 19 to conflict of interest.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah. Okay.
- 21 Those are my questions. Thank you.
- 22 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank
- 23 you. Mr. Watson?
- 24 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Yes, thank you,
- 25 Your Honour.

- 1 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. MICHAEL WATSON:
- 2 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Just a few
- 3 matters, Ms. Wingrove. I think -- well, maybe you
- 4 don't. My name's Michael Watson. I'm one (1) of the
- 5 lawyers for Electra, which was PowerStream. I have
- 6 just very few areas to cover with you. Could we bring
- 7 up, please, FD paragraph 134?
- And while that's coming up, do you
- 9 remember that Mr. Marron asked you about the June 29th
- 10 meeting and about Mayor Frank (sic) Lehman being
- 11 there, and also Brian Bentz?
- 12 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Jeff Lehman?
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Yes.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Or he asked you
- 16 about the -- about them being at that meeting?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: You said,
- 18 "Frank," and I --
- 19 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: I'm sorry, Jeff.
- 20 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: -- like, I
- 21 don't know him.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: It's late.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 24 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And I'm
- 25 forgetful. All right. And -- and he -- he suggested

- 1 -- and -- and the question, maybe it was simply a slip
- 2 of the tongue, that Jeff Lehman was the CEO of
- 3 PowerStream.
- Does this refresh your memory, that in
- 5 fact Jeff Lehman was the chair of PowerStream --
- 6 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That -- that -
- 7 yeah.
- 8 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: -- throughout
- 9 this entire period, right --
- 10 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes. Yes,
- 11 that's right.
- 12 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: -- and that Brian
- 13 Bentz was the CEO of PowerStream throughout this
- 14 entire period?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 16 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Thank you.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Thank you.
- 18 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right. Thank
- 19 you. Now, I -- I want to ask you about a couple of
- 20 the meetings of the Strategic Partnership Task Team.
- 21 And it may help if we could bring up, please, CPS5544.
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- 23 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Now, this is not

- 1 your document, but it was prepared by Pam Hogg and
- 2 sent to Ed Houghton, as you can see, in 2015. But
- 3 what it does contain is a list of key events. And I
- 4 just wanted to remind you and get your confirmation
- 5 about certain things.
- 6 And can we scroll down please, not up
- 7 because we are up. There.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: M-hm.
- 9 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Okay. And we see
- 10 that there were several meetings of the Strategic
- 11 Partnership Task Team?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: M-hm.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Sorry, you have
- 14 to answer 'yes' or 'no'.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 16 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Thank you.
- 17 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes, I see
- 18 that.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right. And
- 20 the first one (1), as we can see, was August 3rd. And
- 21 you remember that one?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right. I'm
- 24 going to come back to that on a couple of points. The
- 25 second one (1) was on August 29th. And I think you

- 1 remember that one?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 3 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Then there was a
- 4 third one (1) on the September 28th. There hasn't
- 5 been much of any discussion about that in this
- 6 Inquiry, but you see there was a third meeting on
- 7 September 28th?
- 8 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I see that
- 9 it's there, yes.
- 10 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Right. And --
- 11 and I take it that you were present at all of the
- 12 meetings. There are five (5) numbered ones here. You
- 13 were present at all of them?
- 14 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I believe so.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Right. And that
- 16 third one (1) on September 28th was just a few days
- 17 after the four (4) presentations that the potential
- 18 bidders had made. Do you remember that?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 20 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And it was, well,
- 21 six (6) days before the RFP actually came out on
- 22 October 4th?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 24 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And so, this was
- 25 a discussion -- as you can see from the description, a

- 1 discussion about what had been presented.
- 2 Do you see that?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 4 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Now, I want to go
- 5 then on to -- if we can just go down -- scroll down,
- 6 please. And we see then the fourth and fifth meetings
- 7 and we see November 23 fourth meeting. And it says,
- 8 "No minutes taken."
- 9 And then the fifth meeting on November
- 10 28th, five (5) days later, for the financial portion
- 11 second envelope?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right. And
- 14 do you remember -- and you were asked some questions
- 15 about these two (2) meetings --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 17 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: -- back on April
- 18 18th, right?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And you remember
- 21 that the November 28th meeting was to record the
- 22 evaluations or the scores for the non-financial
- 23 portions of the bids --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 25 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: -- and also for

- 1 some discussion about them after the numbers were
- 2 recorded, right?
- 3 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: yes.
- 4 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And then was it
- 5 the case that -- that the financial matters then, the
- 6 financial portions of the bid, the second envelope,
- 7 were discussed at the November 28th meeting?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 9 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Okay. I'm going
- 10 to come back to that in a moment. Let's go, if we may
- 11 then, to the August 3rd meeting, CPS2342. I want to
- 12 ask you just about a few matters concerning that one
- 13 (1).
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- 15 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- 17 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And as you can
- 18 see, all of the members were there, and -- and Ms.
- 19 Hogg was there, and that included you?
- 20 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: M-hm. Yes.
- 21 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Sorry, that's a
- 22 'yes'?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes, sorry.
- 24 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right. I
- 25 wanted to go down to -- you see it sa -- it says, "The

- 1 salient points of the meeting are as follows," and you
- 2 see the first bullet point. Could we go down to the
- 3 second bullet point?
- And I -- I take it, if you read that
- 5 second bullet point about team strategy session, do
- 6 you see that?
- 7 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 8 MR. MICHAEL WATSON:
- 9 "-- will be scheduled so that
- 10 brainstorming can be done to discuss
- 11 issues."
- 12 And then it talks about deciding how it
- 13 could work with LDCs, such as Wasaga Beach, Midland,
- 14 et cetera.
- "What of our interests do we need to
- protect? Does it make sense to
- 17 aggregate now, look at mergers and
- 18 acquisitions, as well?"
- 19 Do you see that?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And I take it you
- 22 have a memory of that being discussed as being items
- 23 that should be discussed by this team?
- 24 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Vaguely, yes.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right. Was a

- 1 team strategy session ever convened or scheduled to
- 2 discuss these matters?
- 3 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I don't recall
- 4 one (1) being ste -- scheduled as a standalone thing,
- 5 no.
- 6 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Right. And then
- 7 we -- and we see the next bullet point down then.
- 8 There was a discussion then about preliminary meetings
- 9 having been held with these five (5) potential
- 10 bidders?
- 11 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 12 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And St. Thomas
- 13 Energy was one (1) of them?
- 14 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: If we can go to
- 16 page 2, please.
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- 18 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- 20 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Just scroll down
- 21 to the next page. All right. And if we see the
- 22 fourth bullet point down, it says:
- "It was suggested by Ms. Wingrove
- that we do not further pursue a
- 25 partnership with St. Thomas Energy

277 due to the economies of scale and the 1 similar size of the -- of the 2 3 utility." That was your suggestion? MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: 5 I think I must have been summarizing the -- the essence of the discussion that had happened at the table. Certainly, I am in no way qualified to have a -- have intimate knowledge of the workings of St. Thomas Energy. 10 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right, let's 11 break it down then. You did make this suggestion? 12 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I am not -- I 13 am not in a position to -- to question the minutes. I don't recall this. I don't recall anything specific 14 15 about St. Thomas Energy, so I'm taking the minutes as they're read. 16 17 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right, fair 18 enough. And I take it that all members -- and we've heard some evidence about this, that all members of the SPTT received minutes after the respe -- after the 20 meetings, right? 21 22 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes. 23 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And -- and, in 24 fact, it seems that there were minutes taken only of two (2) meetings, of August 3rd and August 29th.

- 1 you reme -- do you remember that?
- 2 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I -- I don't
- 3 have a specific recollection of how many sets of
- 4 minutes I received, I'm sorry.
- 5 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: In -- in any
- 6 event, after you received them --
- 7 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: M-hm.
- 8 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: -- you read them?
- 9 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 10 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And you would
- 11 have corrected anything that was wrong?
- 12 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Sure. Yes.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: So, you accept
- 14 that?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I accept that
- 16 that's very --
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: That you said it?
- 18 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: -- likely that
- 19 I would have kind of summarized the conversation
- 20 around the table and made a point like that.
- 21 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right. And
- 22 then it goes on to say:
- "It was decided that a further
- 24 interview would not be scheduled."
- Do you see that?

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1 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes, I do.
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- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And so, that was
- 3 the consensus of the other members of the SPTT after
- 4 you had made that suggestion?
- 5 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes
- 6 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Okay. All right.
- 7 And then we go down. We see, "Interview dates have" -
- 8 if we can scroll just up, "Interview dates have been
- 9 confirmed." And we see those two (2) dates that we've
- 10 gone through ad nauseam of September 12th and 19th?
- 11 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 12 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And so, this
- 13 meeting was on August 3rd. Does that mean that even
- 14 as early as August 3rd those dates had been confirmed
- 15 with those potential bidders, to your understanding
- 16 and recollection?
- 17 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Well,
- 18 certainly it states in the minutes that the interview
- 19 dates have been confirmed. I'm -- whether or not they
- 20 had been confirmed with -- with those utilities -- or
- 21 what the minutes are actually saying is this is the
- 22 plan for the members of the -- of the task team.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Well, right, but
- 24 it doesn't say anything --
- 25 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yeah.

1 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: -- about it being

- 2 a plan. It says that they've been confirmed with
- 3 specific dates and specific potential bidders. And
- 4 that -- that suggests --
- 5 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Mr.
- 6 Watson, I don't mean to interrupt, but if the witness
- 7 can't recall, it's -- it's an inference that one would
- 8 draw from the document where you have dates and times
- 9 that this was confirmed with the various utilities.
- 10 How could -- how could dates be
- 11 confirmed, and times, without consulting the various
- 12 utilities?
- 13 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: I'll -- I'll move
- 14 on, Your Honour.
- 15 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: And
- 16 the witness -- the witness doesn't remember.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: I'll move on,
- 18 Your Honour.
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- 20 CONTINUED BY MR. MICHAEL WATSON:
- 21 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: I want to ask
- 22 about the -- about the scoring at the November 23rd
- 23 and 28th meetings, specifically just on two (2)
- 24 points, and one (1) has to do with you. If we can
- 25 bring up, please, CPS6920.

281 1 2 (BRIEF PAUSE) 3 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And do you recall that there were several slides here that were 5 populated with the numbers as they were read out at the November 23rd meeting? 8 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Okay. 9 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Did you remember 10 that? 11 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: 12 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And you had done 13 your scoring, and everyone else had, before coming 14 into the meeting. And then you stated your scores, 15 right? 16 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes. 17 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Right. And we 18 see here on the first one, which is Customer Experience, point value 10, you scored PowerStream 19 highest and Horizon next? 21 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes. 22 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: 10 and 9 23 respectively. If we can go to the next one (1) on 24 Provisions - Strategic and Specialized Services --2.5 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Sorry to interject,

- 1 but I don't actually think that's what this slide
- 2 represents. There's -- there's two (2) 10s on that
- 3 slide.
- 4 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: I'm sorry?
- 5 MS. KATE MCGRANN: There's two (2) 10s
- 6 on the slide above. She gave out two (2) 10s.
- 7 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Yes, indeed.
- 8 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Yes.

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- 10 CONTINUED BY MR. MICHAEL WATSON:
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: PowerStream and
- 12 Veridian at 10 and then Horizon at 9, and Hydro One at
- 13 5? Yes?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Thank you, Ms.
- 16 McGrann.

- 18 CONTINUED BY MR. MICHAEL WATSON:
- 19 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Then the next one
- 20 (1) you -- you score -- for Strategic Specialized
- 21 Resources, you scored PowerStream highest at thirty
- 22 (30) and then Horizon at twenty (20) and Hydro One and
- 23 Veridian at ten (10) each?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: As noted here,
- 25 yes.

- 1 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: The next one (1)
- 2 -- just a couple more. Support for Employees and so
- 3 on, and you scored Horizon tops at nine (9), then
- 4 PowerStream eight (8), Veridian six (6), Hydro One at
- 5 four (4)?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 7 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And the next one
- 8 (1) then, we get to Competitive Distribution Rate, et
- 9 cetera. You put Horizon at the top at ten (10).
- 10 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 11 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: PowerStream and
- 12 Veridian equal at seven (7) and then Hydro One at two
- 13 (2)?
- 14 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Okay. When we
- 16 add them all up, what I get, and I'm not asking you to
- 17 confirm the math right now, but on all of your scores
- 18 here, you scored PowerStream with a total of sixty-
- 19 five (65), Horizon at fifty-four (54), Veridian forty
- 20 (40), and Hydro One at twenty-five (25).
- Does that sound about right to you as
- 22 you recall your --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 24 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: -- scoring?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.

1 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: So you scored

- 2 PowerStream highest.
- 3 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Based on the
- 4 criteria that we were all given to use in applying
- 5 your scores, this is how my numbers came out.
- 6 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: In your previous
- 7 evidence on April 28th, (sic) you said that you were
- 8 surprised somewhat at the scoring method.
- 9 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 10 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And one (1) of
- 11 the things that you said you were surprised at was
- 12 that it was suggested that what should happen is that
- 13 the top bidder in each category would be given the
- 14 full marks, whatever it was, 10, 30, as the case might
- 15 be. Do you remember that?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 17 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And then others
- 18 would be given lower marks, right?
- 19 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Now, if we -- if
- 21 we look at your scoring -- can we go to Slide 3 here?
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- 23 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And if we look at

- 1 your scoring on Support for Employees, in fact you
- 2 didn't do that, right?
- 3 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I would --
- 4 this -- no, I didn't do that.
- 5 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Fine. And I'm
- 6 not drawing any -- I just want to point that out. Nor
- 7 did Mr. Muncaster, right, the Chair of Collus Power?
- 8 He didn't do it either?
- 9 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That's -- by
- 10 what I'm seeing here. That's correct.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And neither did
- 12 Sandra Cooper. You see that?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 14 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And neither did
- 15 Mr. Herhalt.
- 16 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I don't see
- 17 him --
- 18 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Second from the
- 19 bottom.
- 20 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Oh yes, there
- 21 he is.
- 22 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right. And -
- 23 and if we go to the other slides, and I'm not going
- 24 to take the time here --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.

- 1 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: -- we see that
- 2 Mr. Garbutt didn't as well. And so the majority -- do
- 3 you recall the majority in fact didn't follow this,
- 4 what was -- supposedly this -- this direction?
- 5 Do you recall that?
- 6 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yeah. Yeah, I
- 7 -- was this -- I -- I have questions, but clearly what
- 8 you have here is --
- 9 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right. The
- 10 last thing then, and I'll -- I'll just leave that.
- 11 The last thing then, could I bring up -- could we have
- 12 Foundation Document, paragraph 390, please?

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14 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 16 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And -- and this -
- 17 all right. So this -- I just want to situate
- 18 ourselves. Strategic partnership task t4eam met on
- 19 this -- on November 23rd, et cetera. All right. So
- 20 we -- we have that one.
- 21 And then if we go down, please, to 391.
- 22 All right. And then Mr. Herhalt created notes from
- 23 the meeting. I want to skip right past that. And
- 24 those, by the way, are hand -- were handwritten notes.
- 25 This is a transcription, so he made handwritten notes.

- 1 Down to 392. This is where I want to -- I want to ask
- 2 you about.

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4 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 6 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: 392, it says:
- 7 "Kim Wingrove also retained her notes
- from this meeting, the content of
- 9 which are reproduced below."
- 10 And we see that. And I'd like to ask,
- 11 please, to bring up the actual document of these
- 12 notes, CJI9668, and this -- these are the notes that
- 13 are referred to in the -- in the citation. I take it
- 14 that you recognize this?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right. Now,
- 17 Mr. Herhalt did handwritten notes of his notes during
- 18 the meeting, and we have both his handwritten notes
- 19 and the transcription. The only thing we have for you
- 20 here is typed. So, and -- and to be fair, do you see
- 21 that there are -- just scrolling down, we see Payment
- 22 for Shares, Support for Employees, Customer
- 23 Experience, et cetera. We see all of that.
- 24 And if we go right to the very bottom -
- 25 right. And -- and -- and do we see there various --

1 various numbers. And actually if we can go -- I think

- 2 you have to scroll to the left, either that or make it
- 3 a hundred percent or full screen, because I think
- 4 there are numbers to the left. Can we go full screen?

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6 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Well, in any
- 9 event, you see that there are some that -- that there
- 10 were numbers there?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 12 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And that's what I
- 13 was curious about, because -- great. If we can go all
- 14 the way down.
- All right, you see the numbers, 13.6
- 16 and 7.3 and 5.5 and all of that?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 18 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: Those are numbers
- 19 from the financial portions of the bid, right?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: right.
- 21 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And they were not
- 22 opened, as we understand it, until after the November
- 23 23rd meeting.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 25 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: And weren't in

- 1 fact discussed until the November 28th meeting?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 3 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right. Does
- 4 this suggest therefore that in fact these notes were,
- 5 first of all because they're typed and not
- 6 handwritten, that this was done by you sometime after
- 7 both of those meetings?
- 8 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Certainly the
- 9 -- what -- the product that you have in front of you
- 10 now happened at the end. These are -- these were my
- 11 working notes and I would have -- I -- I would -- I
- 12 would keep no -- keep notes with the -- with -- so
- 13 that -- it's -- I'm -- I'm not remembering clearly. I
- 14 -- at one (1) point they needed to provide all of this
- 15 information back to the team. Whether -- whether I
- 16 added the -- the financial considerations to my notes
- 17 so that I had it all together in one (1) place, but
- 18 that -- that this was work that was done on -- on more
- 19 than one (1) occasion seems to be the logical way of -
- 20 of evaluating this.
- 21 MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right. I take
- 22 it that these -- that you did not make these notes --
- 23 type them on a computer during the meetings?
- 24 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: No.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right. And so

- 1 therefore you probably did that at home or in your
- 2 office on occasions other than the meetings?
- 3 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That's right.
- 4 MR. GEORGE MARRON: And maybe -- I'm
- 5 sorry. Maybe you put the first part dealing with the
- 6 non-financial and saved that as a document in respect
- 7 of the November 23rd meeting?
- 8 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: And then added
- 9 to it at a later time as I had more information. I --
- 10 I'm sorry that I don't have a clear and distinct
- 11 memory of exactly how this proceeded.
- 12 MR. MICHAEL WATSON: All right.
- 13 Please don't apologize. I just want to find out what
- 14 seemed the most logical.
- Your Honour, those are my questions.
- 16 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank
- 17 you, Mr. Watson. Mr. Fryer...?
- 18 MR. TIM FRYER: I have no questions,
- 19 Your Honour.
- 20 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank
- 21 you. Mr. Bonwick...?
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Your Honour, do you
- 23 mind if I sit here?
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: No,
- 25 not at all.

1 MR. PAUL BONWICK: I have some things

2 to reference here.

- 4 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. PAUL BONWICK:
- 5 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Good after -- good
- 6 afternoon, Ms. Wingrove. Paul Bonwick, participant in
- 7 the Inquiry. I'm representing myself.
- 8 Before I get started on some of the
- 9 cross-examination, I just -- I want to get a sense for
- 10 both the -- the Judge and certainly for myself, at any
- 11 time in any of our dealings, was I ever disrespectful
- 12 or conduct myself in some unprofessional way or -- in
- 13 any manner of speaking, whether it be through emails
- 14 or -- or our personal interactions?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: No, you did
- 16 not.
- 17 MR. PAUL BONWICK: At no time?
- 18 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: You and I had
- 19 very limited interactions over my time at Collingwood,
- 20 and those limited interactions were polite.
- 21 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you. I want
- 22 to take a step back in time and -- because there's
- 23 been a lot of discussion about the campaign that led
- 24 to Mayor Cooper becoming mayor. You were hired prior
- 25 to her taking on the position of Mayor, if I'm not

- 1 mistaken.
- 2 Was it under the former leadership of
- 3 Mayor Carrier when you took the position of CAO with
- 4 the Town of Collingwood?
- 5 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Correct.
- 6 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Who was the CA --
- 7 sorry, who was the deputy mayor at that time?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Mayor Cooper,
- 9 or Sandra Cooper, sorry.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you.
- 11 And would it be fair to state that the
- 12 -- if I can use the term working relationship between
- 13 Mayor Cooper -- sorry, Deputy Mayor Cooper and Mayor
- 14 Carrier was not stellar?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That's
- 16 correct.
- 17 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Would it be fair to
- 18 say that they had very different views in terms of how
- 19 the particular direction of the Municipality should be
- 20 moving forward in?
- 21 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I think my
- 22 observation was that the -- the communication between
- 23 the two (2) parties was not -- was not good.
- 24 They didn't -- I -- in my observation
- 25 they didn't share a common point of view and they

- 1 weren't able to talk things through.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Right. And I think
- 3 that reinforces what I've just said, is they had very
- 4 different views in terms of how things should operate.
- 5 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 6 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And so you've -- in
- 7 your previous testimony you stated, reasonably clearly
- 8 in my mind anyways, that as part of your
- 9 responsibilities as the CAO, you followed that
- 10 election, you kind of identified the major themes that
- 11 were contained in there, and that would make sense,
- 12 because at the end of the day the CAO is going to have
- 13 to carry out the policies of whoever is elected.
- 14 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: And so you rightly
- 16 identified again that -- and I'll use a more general
- 17 term, the finances were a major consideration in that
- 18 election, correct?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 20 MR. PAUL BONWICK: You've also stated
- 21 that there was a substantial turnover in terms of
- 22 sitting councillors versus new councillors based or
- 23 predicated on that finance theme, in large part.
- 24 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I don't know
- 25 if I can make that attribution, but certainly there

- 1 was a significant turnover in Council.
- 2 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And you would know
- 3 these numbers better than I, but as I reflect back to
- 4 the term under Mayor Carrier, part of the concern over
- 5 finances was the disbursement of funds specifically to
- 6 lawyers and accountants. And if I recall, looking
- 7 through some of the documentation, it was as high as
- 8 three-quarters of a million dollars in any given year
- 9 for lawyers and consultants. Is that correct?
- 10 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I think it's
- 11 probably not terribly useful to look at expenditures
- 12 at a single point in time, but rather over a -- what -
- 13 what the trends are. The Municipality could be
- 14 dealing with a specific planning matter, an OMB
- 15 hearing, something like that, that can become very
- 16 expensive in a very short period of time through, you
- 17 know, no -- no particular intent on anyone's behalf.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: And thank you very
- 19 much for that, because that would take me to my next
- 20 question. And in fact, it wasn't simply the last year
- 21 where there was this \$750,000 spent on lawyers, but in
- 22 fact in the previous years there had been hundreds of
- 23 thousands of dollars spent on lawyers and there was
- 24 any multitude of different issues that were on the
- 25 table at that point in time, OMB challenges, other

- 1 like-minded court challenges --
- MS. KIMBERLEY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- that a
- 4 Municipality could find itself in?
- 5 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes
- 6 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And so then during
- 7 that election cycle, several councils -- councillors
- 8 ran with concern over the finances in terms of how
- 9 those funds were being spent?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 11 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you.
- 12 I want to fast forward and so of course
- 13 there was an election, there was three people that put
- 14 their name in the -- in for candidates.
- 15 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes. As
- 16 mayor.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: As mayor, mayoral
- 18 candidates, thank you for that.
- 19 And so you know then, as the CAO, that
- 20 Mayor Cooper actually received more votes than the
- 21 other two (2) combined during that election.
- 22 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: You should also
- 24 know that through previous testimony I think I was
- 25 counting seven, but approximately thereabouts through

- 1 this hearing, that people have spoke very positively
- 2 about the reputation and the conduct of Mayor Cooper,
- 3 the confidence that people held for her in the
- 4 community was evident by, I guess, seven times she ran
- 5 for election was elected every time.
- 6 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 7 MR. PAUL BONWICK: So moving forward,
- 8 when she became Mayor, one (1) of the emails, and you
- 9 were -- I took it you were somewhat critical of, was
- 10 when you reached out to her and suggested that you
- 11 would like to propose hiring a consultant to lead a
- 12 strategic planning session so that you could get
- 13 Council on board heading in a certain direction,
- 14 whatever that direction might be.
- Did I understand that correctly?
- 16 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: The purpose of
- 17 having a strategic planning session is as much for the
- 18 benefit of the Council as it is for the staff, but
- 19 every -- the idea is that everybody comes together,
- 20 they have a solid discussion and identify the
- 21 priorities that, as a group, they mutually want to
- 22 support and move forward with.
- 23 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And -- and I would
- 24 agree with you that that's exactly what a strategic
- 25 planning session should do. That -- that wasn't my

- 1 question.
- 2 You had brought forward a suggestion
- 3 that you would hire an outside consultant to
- 4 coordinate and lead a strategic planning session and
- 5 Mayor Cooper responded to you and there seemed to be
- 6 some discussion back and forth about it as it related
- 7 to no, I don't think we're going to hire an outside
- 8 planning consultant to lead the planning -- the
- 9 strategic planning session and I believe she wished
- 10 you a great -- great wishes for a good weekend or
- 11 something to that effect.
- Do you recall that email?
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: If I may, I don't
- 14 think that that's an accurate description of the
- 15 email. Perhaps we can turn it up.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Perhaps we can
- 17 bring the email up.
- 18
- 19 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- 21 MS. KATE MCGRANN: We're all looking
- 22 for it, just hang on for a second.
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- 24 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- 1 MR. RYAN BREEDON: I should say I'm a
- 2 little surprised our Court Operator hasn't memorized
- 3 all the numbers by now.
- 4 MR. PAUL BONWICK: In fairness, it's
- 5 Friday afternoon of a long weekend, so --
- 6 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Not
- 7 quite. Well, why don't we take five (5) minutes.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: While that's coming
- 9 up, Your Honour, would you like me to continue?
- 10 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I was
- 11 thinking we could either take five or you could go on
- 12 to something else.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: It's your --
- 14 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Go
- 15 ahead, go on to something else.

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- 18 CONTINUED BY MR. PAUL BONWICK:
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: We'll get back to
- 20 the content of the email, but I'm questioning why you
- 21 would be surprised where you've confirmed that the
- 22 last election was in large predicated on finance, that
- 23 there was concern by those that were running and then
- 24 elected, that there was hundreds of thousands of
- 25 dollars every year being spent during that term of

- 1 office in terms of lawyers and consulting fees for any
- 2 number of different reasons.
- 3 I'm curious why you would be surprised
- 4 that the Mayor would not be supportive of your idea of
- 5 hiring a consultant to run a strategic planning
- 6 session, and surely you would be aware, I assume, that
- 7 municipal councils or municipalities all across Canada
- 8 participate in these strategic planning sessions and
- 9 in many cases their CAOs or their directors of
- 10 strategic planning, depending on the size of the
- 11 municipality run these types of initiatives.
- 12 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Well, in the
- 13 case of -- of Collingwood at that time, I think as I
- 14 indicated in my earlier testimony, we were short-
- 15 staffed. This Council had -- was not entirely united,
- 16 similar to the previous Council. It was a new term of
- 17 Council. It's very -- we don't have a strategic
- 18 planning person, we didn't have anyone like that.
- 19 Given some of the -- the tensions and -
- 20 and discussions and differences of opinion that had
- 21 occurred, it would not have been my advice that any
- 22 one (1) of the staff, including myself, be the best
- 23 person to try and facilitate a conversation.
- 24 And as I mentioned, Ms. Kearns was to
- 25 be facilitating that conversation so that the

- 1 discussion happened in a fair, open, and agreeable way
- 2 that there was no -- there could be no sense that
- 3 whoever was at the front of the room had a vested
- 4 interest in one (1) priority or one (1) direction over
- 5 another.
- 6 So there was no intent to bring a
- 7 consultant in and -- and spend and exorbitant amount
- 8 of money that Ms. Kearns was to be retained to
- 9 facilitate a meeting. We weren't talking about a very
- 10 significant amount of money to do this.
- 11 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Respectfully, I
- 12 certainly wouldn't view the person that's helping
- 13 facilitate lead the discussion by their priorities
- 14 having participated in many dozens of strategic
- 15 planning.
- 16 Could you bring up T0C0050223?
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- 18 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- 20 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Go down a little
- 21 bit. And get a chance to read that:
- "Good morning, members of Council.
- I've asked for the CAO, Ms.
- 24 Wingrove, to put together a
- 25 strategic session on hold. All of

- 1 Council will be included in the next
- 2 steps moving forward."
- 3 Is there something down lower than
- 4 that? There was an email, and I apologize for not
- 5 having the number. I was looking for it, here. There
- 6 was an email where the Mayor Coop -- where Mayor
- 7 Cooper sent an email to Ms. Wingrove, rejecting the
- 8 concept of hiring a consultant, but wishing her a -- a
- 9 good weekend. But I'll have to try to find that out
- 10 another time.
- 11 It's not as important as the general
- 12 discussion that we've just had. So moving forward,
- 13 new Council, largely populated by new Councillors.
- 14 Clearly, a controversial election, and a very
- 15 challenging election.
- 16 Post that election, did you maintain
- 17 and -- I know you're on the stand, here -- did you
- 18 maintain a reasonable level of engagement with the
- 19 former mayor, Mayor Carrier? Would he pop by your
- 20 office from time to time to have a discussion, or?
- 21 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I think Chris
- 22 Carrier -- it's -- that's his personality, I think,
- 23 and -- and he would --
- 24 MR. PAUL BONWICK: That'd be "yes" or
- 25 "no"? Sorry. I just --

- 1 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes. Yes.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Okay. Thank you.
- 3 Did you maint --
- 4 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Maybe
- 5 just -- just so we're clear, I know -- I know that
- 6 sometimes, people try to do that in questions, but the
- 7 witness cannot be restricted to a yes or no. The
- 8 witness can answer.
- 9 If the witness strays off into other
- 10 areas, I'll try to bring the witness back, but --
- 11 MR. PAUL BONWICK: My apologies, Your
- 12 Honour.
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: -- you
- 14 can't -- you can't -- no, no, I --
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: I thought it was a
- 16 yes or no question.
- 17 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: --
- 18 don't think that you intended anything by it. I'm
- 19 just saying the -- the witness can answer the question
- 20 beyond a one (1) word answer.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Okay. If --
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: But --
- 24 but I think I have your answer here.
- 25 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yeah. If I

- 1 may, I'm very conscious of the fact that I, you know,
- 2 I have a reporting relationship, and a duty to support
- 3 the -- the Council that -- that employs me. Mr.
- 4 Carrier is -- I think it's just his personality, and
- 5 he would -- he would talk to any of the staff, or
- 6 people on the street. I -- I don't -- I don't want
- 7 there to be any sort of a sense that --
- 8 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 9 think from Mr. --
- 10 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: -- we were
- 11 going behind anyone's back, or anything like that.
- 12 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 13 think from Mr. Bonwick's perception, though, it -- it
- 14 purp -- in terms of his question, the -- the former
- 15 mayor did drop by from time to time? The -- you --
- 16 and that's -- you're offering the reason why?
- 17 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Right.
- 18 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: And I think
- 19 that those -- come -- like, coming into Town Hall
- 20 would be a very infrequent circumstance.
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Carry
- 22 on, Mr. Bonwick.
- 23
- 24 CONTINUED BY MR. PAUL BONWICK:
- 25 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you. During

- 1 that time post election, would you recognize that
- 2 there was a fairly extensive social media campaign
- 3 that was launched that was highly critical of the new
- 4 Council?
- 5 Do you recall that?
- 6 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Not
- 7 specifically.
- 8 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Okay. So in your
- 9 earlier testimony, you stated -- and I'll use my
- 10 words, and if I misspeak, please correct me. You
- 11 stated that you were -- you were disappointed and
- 12 frustrated that you didn't appear, or that, in
- 13 fairness, there wasn't an ability for all parties
- 14 related to Council and yourself to -- to really come
- 15 together? You -- you felt like there was a disconnect
- 16 there, and --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 18 MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- just that for
- 19 whatever reasons -- or for any number of different
- 20 reasons, that it just -- it didn't seem to mesh in a
- 21 way that you would like it to.
- Is that a fair statement?
- 23 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That's
- 24 correct.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: And so

- 1 understanding that at the end of the day, Council --
- 2 you serve at the pleasure of Council --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 4 MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- if Council has
- 5 lost confidence in your ability to do your job because
- 6 of that disconnect, and I'm not pointing fingers in
- 7 either direction.
- 8 I'm just saying you serve at the
- 9 pleasure of Council, and if Council has lost
- 10 confidence in your ability to do your job, then does
- 11 it not make sense that the natural progression would
- 12 be moving on, and Council deciding that it's time for
- 13 you to move on, and bring somebody else in?
- 14 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I -- I think
- 15 that's entirely true. I think the thing that is most
- 16 disappointing in all of this, however, is that Council
- 17 did not demonstrate any confidence in me to begin
- 18 with. So the fact that there were many things that
- 19 happened, and many discussions that took place that I
- 20 was not party to, or apprised of is where the problem
- 21 came.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: And I'm not
- 23 questioning that for one (1) moment. Please know
- 24 that. I've seen in the political dynamic, as I'm sure
- 25 you have, that elected officials make decisions, if

- 1 you would agree. New ones come in and old ones go
- 2 out, and sometimes there is people significantly
- 3 impacted as a result of the decisions and the
- 4 confidence that they have based on becoming a new
- 5 administration.
- 6 Would that be -- whether it's
- 7 municipal, provincial, or federal, for that matter?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I'm not sure.
- 9 What -- what is your question? Say --
- 10 MR. PAUL BONWICK: I was simply share
- 11 -- reflecting and supporting the concept that you
- 12 brought forward. I'm not sure if you were here when
- 13 Ms. Hogg was providing testimony, but in your earlier
- 14 testimony you stated that you did not feel you had a
- 15 good, respectful relationship with Mr. Houghton, that
- 16 he was constantly cancelling or not showing up for
- 17 meetings, if I recall you stating that?
- 18 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Correct.
- 19 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Yet we've heard
- 20 from several witnesses that work close with Mr.
- 21 Houghton over a period of many years, both Board
- 22 members, staff, and elected officials that speak to
- 23 his high degree of punctuality or -- or of commitment
- 24 to his job, tireless work ethic, respectful, well
- 25 regarded.

- 1 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: M-hm.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: And, in fact, Ms.
- 3 Hogg, his executive assistant, could not recall any
- 4 instances, and I've searched, nor could I, in emails,
- 5 where he was cancelling meetings with you on a regular
- 6 basis or not showing up.
- 7 And so, with that background, would you
- 8 like to possibly reconsider your position as it
- 9 related to supposedly his cancelling meetings on you
- 10 on a regular basis?
- 11 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I would not.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Okay.
- 13 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: There's no
- 14 question that Mr. Houghton had a lot on his plate and
- 15 he was very busy. He -- there were a number of
- 16 occasions where meetings were either very difficult to
- 17 schedule or he was not -- he was called away for
- 18 whatever reason and not able to have time to meet with
- 19 me.
- 20 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Okay. That's a
- 21 little bit different than how I understood it the last
- 22 time. You referred to him not showing up for meetings
- 23 and cancelling meetings --
- 24 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- through email.

- 1 And --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 3 MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- we couldn't find
- 4 anything that demonstrated that. And, again, just so
- 5 you're aware, Ms. -- Ms. Hogg, as EA, could not recall
- 6 doing that, but I'll move on.

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8 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 10 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Are you familiar
- 11 with the Ontario Lobby Registry and the Ontario Lobby
- 12 Registration Act?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Not
- 14 intimately, but, yes, I am familiar that it exists.
- 15 MR. PAUL BONWICK: As a former senior
- 16 government offic -- official within the Provincial
- 17 Government, I would assume you've had some knowledge
- 18 of --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Of registered
- 20 lobbyists, yes.
- 21 MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- of the
- 22 registered lobbyists. Are you aware of the fact that
- 23 there's over nine thousand (9,000) of them in Canada--
- 24 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I wasn't --
- 25 MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- registered

- 1 lobbyists?
- 2 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: It doesn't
- 3 surprise me.
- 4 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Right. And so,
- 5 what I'd like to do is address what I perceive to be
- 6 some of your contradictory comments related to our
- 7 meeting. And I -- I appreciate that it was eight (8)
- 8 years ago. And I don't necessarily want you to
- 9 revisit an unpleasant time, but do you recall we
- 10 actually had scheduled one (1) meeting and, at which
- 11 time, I sat in the reception?
- 12 I have no idea why, but you came out
- 13 about twenty (20) or thirty (30) minutes after our
- 14 appointment and you kind of walked by and you were
- 15 quite upset and said, We're going to have to
- 16 reschedule, I've got something else. And then,
- 17 subsequently, we rescheduled. And that's when you and
- 18 I had the meeting?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I'm sorry, I
- 20 don't recall that.
- 21 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Okay. I'll fast-
- 22 forward to when the actual meeting took place. And I
- 23 would agree with you that it was very short.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 25 MR. PAUL BONWICK: I came in. We sat

- 1 at your boardroom, correct?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 3 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Got the niceties of
- 4 the day out of the way?
- 5 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: M-hm.
- 6 MR. PAUL BONWICK: I started to
- 7 explain my role with PowerStream. And will you recall
- 8 that, as we were just starting to get into some
- 9 discussion or me sort of advancing my case, that you
- 10 had to excuse yourself and go over to your desk? You
- 11 took a personal phone call?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I don't recall
- 13 that, sorry.
- 14 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Maybe I can give
- 15 you a little bit more information that might help you
- 16 recall. You spoke for some period of time, four (4)
- 17 or five (5) minutes, while I was sitting at your board
- 18 table. You became very upset on the phone and left
- 19 and said, We're going to have to reschedule again, and
- 20 let the office with me sitting there?
- 21 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I have no
- 22 recollection of that, I'm sorry.
- 23 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Okay. Going back
- 24 to the lobby registration, you've stated in your
- 25 comments -- and if you could bring up the transcripts.

- 1 I think it's 141. This is -- this line of questioning
- 2 is really centred around me trying to provide or those
- 3 that I'm working with trying to provide adequate
- 4 notice in terms of -- or disclosure and being
- 5 transparent in terms of what I'm doing.
- While that's --
- 7 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: We
- 8 need -- what's the transcript, Mr. Bonwick?
- 9 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Transcript -- I
- 10 wrote down 141 when I was looking at it. Does that
- 11 help at all or no?
- 12 COURT OPERATOR: What -- what day?
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Oh, it was during -
- 14 let me see if I have it here.
- MR. MICHAEL WATSON: It's probably
- 16 April 18th because that was the main day for evidence,
- 17 I believe.
- 18 MR. PAUL BONWICK: I've got it here.
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- 20 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- MR. PAUL BONWICK: All right. Thank
- 23 you. Okay, I see where we're...
- 24
- 25 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 1 CONTINUED BY MR. PAUL BONWICK:
- 2 MR. PAUL BONWICK: So, in -- I'll go
- 3 to these in just a moment. You acknowledged that you
- 4 participated in meeting with Mr. Bentz, President and
- 5 CEO of PowerStream at the time --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 7 MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- second largest
- 8 LDC in the Province of Ontario?
- 9 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Okay. Yes.
- 10 MR. PAUL BONWICK: I'm assuming you
- 11 knew that because you've obviously went through a sele
- 12 -- or the -- the selection process. You had Mayor
- 13 Lehman, the mayor of Barrie?
- 14 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 15 MR. PAUL BONWICK: You had Chairman
- 16 Dean Muncaster, the Chair of the utility?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That's the one
- 18 (1) I have difficulty recalling whether Mr. Muncaster
- 19 was present.
- 20 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And in -- in
- 21 fairness, I think --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yeah.
- 23 MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- his evidence
- 24 showed that he was there, but it's -- it's not
- 25 relevant to my point -- or it is somewhat, I guess.

- 1 You had the mayor --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 3 MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- the depute mayor
- 4 --
- 5 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 6 MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- in attendance?
- 7 Would you typically refer to those kinds of meetings,
- 8 where you've got senior executives from the largest
- 9 LDC, the city of Barrie mayor, as dog and pony shows?
- 10 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: They were
- 11 there to speak to what it -- what it was that
- 12 PowerStream delivered as far as both utility services.
- 13 But, also, I recall them speaking about the -- the,
- 14 you know, good community partners that they were and
- 15 the kind of activities that they were involved in to
- 16 support their community that were, you know, outside
- 17 of the street service delivery --
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Well --
- 19 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: -- utility
- 20 serviced deliver.
- 21 MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- would you agree
- 22 that it is not likely that the mayor of the city of
- 23 Barrie, the chair of PowerStream, the President and
- 24 CEO of PowerStream, and Mr. Muncaster don't travel
- 25 around the province, using your language, for dog and

- 1 pony shows, but rather to demonstrate a particular
- 2 case and bring disclosure and information to relevant
- 3 parties?
- 4 OBJ MS. KATE MCGRANN: I must object. I
- 5 think to be fair to this witness, she's said a number
- 6 of times that she doesn't remember whether or not Mr.
- 7 Muncaster was at that meeting.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: In fairness, I
- 9 don't think it's relevant to Mr. Mun --
- 10 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO:
- 11 Forgetting Mr. -- forgetting Mr. Muncaster, put the
- 12 question --
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Let's leave Mr.
- 14 Muncaster out of it. I -- I didn't know he left --
- 15 had him in that one.
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- 17 CONTINUED BY MR. PAUL BONWICK:
- 18 MR. PAUL BONWICK: The mayor of the
- 19 city of Barrie, chairman of PowerStream, the President
- 20 and CEO of PowerStream, would you assume that those
- 21 high level executives and politicians are travelling
- 22 around the municipality in a so-called dog and pony
- 23 show as opposed to providing professional courtesy and
- 24 information that might be very relevant to
- 25 stakeholders?

1 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: They were

- 2 there to talk about their business and what it could
- 3 offer. We were not -- we didn't go through a detailed
- 4 financial analysis or get into any, you know,
- 5 significant details about the business and how -- you
- 6 know, we weren't comparing them with another or
- 7 anything. It was just an opportunity for them to
- 8 introduce themselves and talk about the work that --
- 9 that they did.
- 10 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Your Honour, I'm
- 11 just going down to...
- 12 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 13 the -- the transcript that's on the screen is April
- 14 18th, page 14. Is -- is that what you --
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: And so, I'm going
- 16 to 1217. Does that help at all? Am I doing something
- 17 wrong here? I may be. It starts off with a
- 18 question -- sorry -- it starts off with a question
- 19 from Ms. McGrann on line 16.
- 20 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: "Did
- 21 Mr. Bonwick disclose..." Is that it?
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Yeah. Yeah.
- 23 Thank you very much.
- 24
- 25 CONTINUED BY MR. PAUL BONWICK:

- 1 MR. PAUL BONWICK: So in your first
- 2 response, Ms. McGrann asked you:
- "Did Mr. Bonwick disclose that he
- 4 would be doing the kinds of things
- 5 and activities that are set in the
- first two (2) bullets here to you at
- 7 any point in June?"
- 8 You said: "No, he did not." But yet
- 9 in later testimony, you said that there was discussion
- 10 around amalgamation and that I would be doing work --
- 11 and I am using your language -- government relations
- 12 work for PowerStream.
- 13 Is it reasonable -- or perhaps you
- 14 could provide your definition of what "government
- 15 relations" is because I've got it up on a site here
- 16 from the Province of Ontario I could read to you if
- 17 you'd like, but what is your definition of "government
- 18 relations"?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: My
- 20 understanding of the work that Compenso did was -- no?
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Don't
- 22 do the -- just answer the question. And whether
- 23 somebody agrees with you or not, it doesn't matter.
- 24 Just go ahead and answer the question.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Okay. It was

- 1 my understanding that the work that Compenso would be
- 2 doing for PowerStream was communications work to help
- 3 them to craft their messages, to help them to get
- 4 their -- the opportunity, their -- the benefits that
- 5 they would offer to the community out into the public.
- 6 You would be providing someone who had
- 7 been part of Collingwood for a very long time. You
- 8 would be able to help them to put forward their
- 9 message to tell their story in a way that would
- 10 resonate with the community. That was my assumption.

- 12 CONTINUED BY MR. PAUL BONWICK:
- 13 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you. But in
- 14 your previous testimony, you said it was "government
- 15 relations" as well, and that's why I was asking for
- 16 your definition of that. But thank you for that
- 17 answer.
- 18 I'll close out with this. Would you
- 19 agree that this whole experience -- and I'm not
- 20 referring to the judicial Inquiry -- but rather your
- 21 last year with the Town of Collingwood was an --
- 22 rather an unpleasant chapter in your life and that you
- 23 were happy to move on at that point in time to other
- 24 opportunities that were less stressful?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I wasn't happy

- 1 to move on. I -- there was an awful lot of really
- 2 good work that happened here. There are some really
- 3 wonderful staff at the Town of Collingwood, and I felt
- 4 that there were a lot of positives. I didn't -- I
- 5 wanted this to be successful, and I was disappointed
- 6 that that wasn't able to happen.
- 7 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And I think that's
- 8 an absolutely fair emotion to have -- the
- 9 disappointment -- based on how it actually unfolded.
- 10 And again, I am not pointing fingers
- 11 but rather stating that -- not the most pleasant
- 12 experience at the end of the day and so clearly a
- 13 darker chapter in some -- better to move on once the
- 14 decision was made by Council and not you. And I
- 15 understand that was their decision and not yours.
- 16 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Correct.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: That ends my
- 18 questioning. Thank you.
- 19 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO:
- 20 Mr. Chenoweth, you want to recall -- first of all,
- 21 wait -- I guess I'm getting ahead of myself.
- 22 Re-examination?
- 23 MS. KATE MCGRANN: I think it's fair
- 24 to hear from the Town.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Actually, it's

- 1 still me. This is a Town witness, so I -- I go last.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: So you
- 3 went last -- you were going to go last?
- 4 MR. RYAN BREEDON: I'm going to go
- 5 last.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Go
- 7 ahead, Mr. Breedon. Well, you know what? I'm going
- 8 to take five (5) minutes --
- 9 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Sure.
- 10 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: -- and
- 11 then we'll continue.

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- 13 --- Upon recessing at 5:09 p.m.
- 14 --- Upon resuming at 5:17 p.m.

- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Go
- 17 ahead, Mr. Breedon.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Thank you, Your
- 19 Honour.
- 20 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Excuse me. Your
- 21 Honour, I want to extend my apologies. I had a 5:30.
- 22 I had no idea we were running this late.
- I'm not getting a lot of sympathy out
- 24 of anybody, but --
- 25 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: No. I

- 1 -- I appreciate that it's late, and it's a long
- 2 weekend. But really, in order to keep the Inquiry on
- 3 track, I really do intend to finish these two (2)
- 4 witnesses tonight, so.
- 5 MR. PAUL BONWICK: I understand
- 6 entirely. Sorry. My point was, if you're okay with
- 7 it, I would excuse myself and follow up with the
- 8 transcripts over the weekend in terms of what's said,
- 9 seeing as I'm done with the witnesses.
- 10 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: That's
- 11 fine. And if something arises out of the transcripts,
- 12 you can let us know next week.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you very
- 14 much. Everybody have a great long weekend.

- 16 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. RYAN BREEDON:
- 17 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Just a couple of
- 18 questions about the meetings of the Strategic Task
- 19 Team. You understood that those meetings were
- 20 confidential?
- 21 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: And you understood
- 23 that the presentations which the bidders provided were
- 24 confidential?
- 25 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.

1 MR. RYAN BREEDON: You understood that

- 2 the deliberations of the Strategic Task Team were
- 3 confidential?
- 4 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 5 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And you did not
- 6 disclose any of this information to PowerStream?
- 7 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Absolutely
- 8 not.
- 9 MR. RYAN BREEDON: You did not
- 10 disclose any of this information to Mr. Bonwick?
- 11 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: No, I did not.
- 12 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And you did not
- 13 disclose any of this information to any other third
- 14 parties?
- 15 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: No one.
- 16 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Thank you. I want
- 17 to talk about Mr. Houghton for a moment. I'm going to
- 18 move quickly, because --
- 19 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 20 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- I'm cognizant of
- 21 the time.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: You're aware that
- 24 prior to this --
- 25 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Mr. --

- 1 Mr. Breedon, I'm may -- we may be in a rush, but take
- 2 your -- I'm sure you will, but do what you have to do.
- 3 MR. RYAN BREEDON: I will -- I will,
- 4 Your Honour. Thank you.

- 6 CONTINUED BY MR. RYAN BREEDON:
- 7 MR. RYAN BREEDON: You're aware that
- 8 prior to the first meet -- the first meeting of the
- 9 STT, that Mr. Houghton had met with PowerStream on
- 10 several occasions?
- 11 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: No, I was not
- 12 aware of that.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: You're aware now --
- 14 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes, I am.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- from having read
- 16 the --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- the --
- 19 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That's
- 20 correct.
- 21 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- Foundation
- 22 Document. And we have heard evidence -- and I think
- 23 you'll agree that Mr. Houghton and did not disclose
- 24 those meetings to the STT when he met with them?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Not to my

- 1 recollection, no.
- 2 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Sure. And you just
- 3 testified you weren't aware of the meetings at the
- 4 time?
- 5 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: No.
- 6 MR. RYAN BREEDON: You didn't become
- 7 aware of them until I assume you received the
- 8 Foundation Document?
- 9 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 10 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And then certainly,
- 11 you did not instruct Mr. Houghton to meet with
- 12 PowerStream?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Absolutely
- 14 not.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Thank you.
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- 17 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- 19 MR. RYAN BREEDON: I want to talk
- 20 about the bids now for a moment, and in particular,
- 21 the financial responses.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Okay.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And you
- 24 testified the last time that you were here, and -- and
- 25 I think you'll agree with me -- that the bids all had

- 1 three (3) components. So there was first a cash
- 2 component, and then secondly, a -- a component related
- 3 to how they were proposing to deal with the promissory
- 4 note, and then thirdly, a component dealing with the
- 5 recapitalization.
- 6 Do you recall that?
- 7 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 8 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And I
- 9 understand that KPMG provided a financial analysis of
- 10 -- or an analysis of the financial components of the
- 11 bids for the Strategic Task Team.
- 12 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: The -- the point of
- 14 that was to enable the members of the Strategic Task
- 15 Team to evaluate the different bids, to -- to put them
- 16 on the same sort of playing field?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: To the best of
- 18 our ability, yes.
- 19 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Right. You needed
- 20 to compare to apples, and the terms were all slightly
- 21 different?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 23 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And you
- 24 relied on the analysis performed by KPMG?
- 25 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.

1 MR. RYAN BREEDON: You weren't

- 2 performing your own analysis.
- 3 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: No.
- 4 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Fair enough. Going
- 5 back to the components for a moment --
- 6 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 7 MR. RYAN BREEDON: So the first
- 8 component we talked about was cash, and that was the
- 9 money that was being paid by the bidder for the
- 10 purchase of the shares?
- 11 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And then the
- 13 second item was the promissory note, and that's the
- 14 repayment of a promissory note that was owing to the
- 15 Town?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 17 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And
- 18 that was \$1.7 million?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 20 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And you understood
- 21 that the Town could have called on that note at any
- 22 time?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 24 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. It
- 25 didn't require a strategic partner to do that, it

- 1 could do that at any time?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 3 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And if
- 4 that -- and -- and similarly, you understood that as
- 5 part of the -- the bids that were being submitted, all
- 6 of which provided for the repayment of the promissory
- 7 note, that the money was coming from Collus Power, not
- 8 from the bidders?
- 9 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 10 MR. RYAN BREEDON: The idea is that,
- 11 you know, part of the proposal is Collus will repay
- 12 the note, and then we'll do this, and we'll do that.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Exactly.
- 14 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. So -- so the
- 15 money was really coming from, I mean, an asset of the
- 16 Town to the Town?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 18 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And --
- 19 and so you'll agree with me that there was no -- there
- 20 would be no net benefit to the Town, because the value
- 21 of its asset would be depleted by the \$1.7 million
- 22 that gets transferred into the Town's account?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Correct.
- 24 MR. RYAN BREEDON: I mean, it's just
- 25 an accounting move, effectively?

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1 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That's right.
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- 2 The question was whether or not the intent was to
- 3 repay the promissory note.
- 4 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Sure. But if the
- 5 promissory note --
- 6 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 7 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- was being repaid
- 8 --
- 9 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: By everyone,
- 10 yes.
- 11 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- it's -- it --
- 12 that -- that transaction is neutral to the Town?
- 13 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Correct. Yes.
- 14 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Thank you. And
- 15 then the third component was the recapitalization.
- 16 And we've heard a lot of evidence about this already,
- 17 while you were in more glamorous locations, but the
- 18 idea was that Collus Power would borrow some
- 19 additional money, yes?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 21 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And -- and that was
- 22 to put it at a 60/40 debt-to-equity ratio?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 24 MR. RYAN BREEDON: That was the sort
- 25 of deemed ideal ratio from the Ontario Energy Board?

1 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That's what we

- 2 were told, yes.
- 3 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And
- 4 then the money that was borrowed in order to -- to
- 5 achieve this would then be paid to the Town as a
- 6 dividend?
- 7 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: That -- the --
- 9 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 10 MR. RYAN BREEDON: So the -- the money
- 11 -- the money that was being generated as part of the
- 12 recapitalization in these bids came from this
- 13 borrowing, right?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: I know, it's late.
- 16 And -- and the bids all dealt with this slightly
- 17 differently. So Hydro One proposed to split it --
- 18 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I will be
- 19 entirely honest and I found this aspect of things very
- 20 frustrating. It was --
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Yeah --
- 22 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: -- difficult.
- 23 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: --
- 24 just -- I don't want to interrupt your answer, so
- 25 please complete it, but one (1) person has to speak at

- 1 a time or we have difficulty with the transcript.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Okay, sorry.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: No,
- 4 no, that's fine. You were saying you found this very
- 5 frustrating.
- 6 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: This -- this
- 7 aspect of the -- of the evaluation was -- was very
- 8 frustrating. It was difficult to clearly understand
- 9 what was happening with each of the bids and how the
- 10 recapitalization piece was -- was being evaluated.

- 12 CONTINUED BY MR. RYAN BREEDON:
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Sure. And -- and
- 14 you mean in terms of the -- the sort of technical
- 15 aspects of what it was that was being proposed. Is
- 16 that what you --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes, and the --
- 18 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- found difficult?
- 19 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: And the
- 20 benefit of it. You know, what was the -- what was the
- 21 benefit that we were getting and how were we assessing
- 22 that.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. So -- so if
- 24 -- if we step back sort of at the simplest possible
- 25 terms --

- 1 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 2 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- the idea was
- 3 that the Utility was going to borrow additional money
- 4 in order to -- to leverage it at the rate the OEB had
- 5 specified?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 7 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And then
- 8 that money would be paid out by way of a dividend.
- 9 Yes?
- 10 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I don't recall
- 11 the specific pay out of a dividend. I know that I
- 12 absolutely recall the -- the requirement, if you will,
- 13 to up the borrowing.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: And then the money
- 15 would be paid out. I mean, that's where the -- and if
- 16 we -- if we --
- 17 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Come back to
- 18 the -- come back to the Town, yes, and that was how
- 19 you were going to make this whole.
- 20 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Right. Whether --
- 21 whether it's by a dividend or --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 23 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- or structured in
- 24 some other way, that -- that was where the money was
- 25 coming from.

- 1 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That's right.
- 2 I think it's the dividend term that just -- I'm not
- 3 recalling that, but yes.
- 4 MR. RYAN BREEDON: So, I mean, if we
- 5 fast forward in -- the PowerStream bid provided for a
- 6 \$5.5 million recapitalization amount. Do you recall
- 7 that?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 9 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And -- and so that
- 10 \$5.5 million was coming from borrowing?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 12 MR. RYAN BREEDON: By Collus Power?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 14 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And then would be
- 15 paid out to the Town?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: And again, that
- 18 would be neutral to the Town in terms of the benefit
- 19 because the -- the Collus Power has acquired a debt of
- 20 \$5.5 million in order to pay that to the Town.
- 21 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: So there's no net
- 23 benefit. It's -- it's really another --
- 24 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: To my point --
- 25 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- sort of

- 1 accounting issue.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 3 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Right. And that
- 4 was why you were --
- 5 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 6 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- struggling with
- 7 --
- 8 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 9 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- why we're doing
- 10 this?
- 11 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay, fair enough.
- 13 So the only new money coming into the Town is the cash
- 14 payment component, right?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 16 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Good. So,
- 17 now the PowerStream bid originally, as I understand
- 18 it, was \$7.3 million for cash --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 20 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- and then the 1.7
- 21 million for the promissory note and the 5.5 million
- 22 for the recapitalization that we just --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 24 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- talked about?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.

- 1 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And the cash
- 2 component was later increased to \$8 million. You knew
- 3 that?
- 4 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I didn't -- I
- 5 don't know that. I don't remember a conversation
- 6 about that change.
- 7 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. Trust -
- 8 trust us.
- 9 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 10 MR. RYAN BREEDON: It was ultimately
- 11 increased to --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- \$8 million. And
- 14 the \$8 million, it was what was actually paid by
- 15 PowerStream, right?
- 16 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes. Okay, I
- 17 -- I wasn't here at the time that everything was
- 18 closed.
- 19 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. The
- 20 Foundation Document --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- says that. We
- 23 don't need to turn it up. You don't disagree with
- 24 that --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: No.

- 1 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- I take it? And
- 2 -- and just in terms of the other bids, the -- the
- 3 higher bid was the Hydro One bid and it had a cash
- 4 component that was in excess of \$13 million.
- 5 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That's right.
- 6 MR. RYAN BREEDON: You remember that?
- 7 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Now, can we -- now
- 9 I want to talk about sort of the Council meeting
- 10 considering all of this. That was on January 23rd,
- 11 2012?
- 12 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yeah. I --
- 13 yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I don't
- 16 remember the exact date.
- 17 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And can we look at
- 18 ALE1644?
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- 20 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- 22 MR. RYAN BREEDON: This is the staff
- 23 report that was prepared for that meeting?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 25 MR. RYAN BREEDON: You were asked some

- questions about it, and it seems like a very long --MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: 2 Yes. 3 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- time ago, and I believe that what you testified was that Mr. Houghton had prepared the first draft and then sent it to you. You made some revisions --7 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes. MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- and finalized it? 9 10 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes. 11 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And -- and I
- 12 believe you had told us you couldn't now recall what
- 13 the revisions were that you had made.
- 14 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: No. I would
- 15 have to -- yes.
- 16 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And that's fair.
- 17 The report was submitted though under your name.
- 18 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Correct.
- 19 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And can we
- 20 look down to page 4, please.

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22 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 24 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And if you scroll
- 25 down, there should be a heading, Effect on Town

- 1 Finances. Okay, great. Thank you.
- Now, what this says in the -- this
- 3 paragraph, you'll see it says:
- 4 "Under the terms of the Share
- 5 Purchase Agreement, the Town of
- 6 Collingwood will receive cash and
- 7 other considerations valued at
- 8 approximately \$15 million."
- 9 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 10 MR. RYAN BREEDON: You see that? And
- 11 so this is what was being proposed -- provided to the
- 12 members of Council in advance of this meeting?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: In order to
- 15 determine whether to go ahead with this transaction or
- 16 not?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Correct.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And
- 19 consideration means sort of payment or benefits,
- 20 right?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And so the
- 23 suggestion here is that the Town is receiving a
- 24 payment of \$15 million for its 50 percent share of
- 25 Collus.

- 1 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Now, we --
- 3 having gone through sort of how the transaction works
- 4 --
- 5 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes
- 6 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- I think you'll
- 7 agree with me that really the only money that -- the
- 8 only new money that was coming into the Town --
- 9 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Was the --
- 10 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- was the \$8
- 11 million, correct?
- 12 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes, that's
- 13 correct.
- 14 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. So
- 15 you'll agree with me that this is at least a little
- 16 bit misleading?
- 17 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Certainly the
- 18 -- looking at it now, there should have been a much
- 19 more fulsome discussion of -- of how that financial
- 20 part was arrived at.
- 21 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Well -- well, it
- 22 would be misleading if the councillors are assuming
- 23 that the Town is getting a net benefit of \$15 million
- 24 when in fact it's getting a net benefit of \$8 million,
- 25 correct?

1 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That would be

- 2 correct if that was the only discussion that had ever
- 3 happened with Council, so there were some other, like,
- 4 in camera discussions about how this was to unfold.
- 5 Certainly this is the -- this is the staff report that
- 6 came forward, but it would not have been solely the
- 7 information that they received from myself, that they
- 8 were using to -- to make the decision.
- 9 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Well, there
- 10 was also a slide presentation, as I understand, that
- 11 was given at this meeting?
- 12 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That's -- yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: There's a
- 14 presentation --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes, yes.
- 16 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- that people from
- 17 PowerStream attended --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 19 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- and -- and
- 20 presented?
- 21 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Correct.
- 22 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And
- 23 that presentation we have it as KPM2403.
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- 25 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 1 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And this is the
- 2 presentation?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 4 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. Can we
- 5 turn to Slide 14, please? All right.
- This is the -- you're welcome
- 7 to read the rest of the PowerPoint, but this is -- it
- 8 appears to me to be the one (1) slide dealing with the
- 9 financial considerations. You see that?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: And you'll see that
- 12 what the authors have written is that the estimated
- 13 proceeds for the Town of Collingwood is \$14-\$15
- 14 million.
- 15 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 16 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And then it says
- 17 that that's predicated on three (3) considerations,
- 18 and --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 20 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- again that's a
- 21 benefit.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yeah.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: The 50 percent
- 24 share purchase, which is the cash component. Yes?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.

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1 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And then -- and
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- 2 then the recapitalization and the redeeming of the
- 3 promissory note. You see that?
- 4 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes
- 5 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And
- 6 again, this presentation suggests that the Town is
- 7 receiving between 14 and \$15 million of new money.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes, it does.
- 9 MR. RYAN BREEDON: I mean -- and --
- 10 and so again, this is misleading. Yes?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 12 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. Now,
- 13 was the Council ever told that the only net benefit to
- 14 the Town was the \$8 million in -- in terms of the cash
- 15 payment?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That
- 17 information -- I don't have a specific recommenda --
- 18 or a specific recollection of the information that was
- 19 provided by our consultant. There was an in camera
- 20 meeting I think at one (1) point that I wasn't present
- 21 at, but to go by this alone, I agree with you a
- 22 hundred percent that the re -- that the discussion of
- 23 what recapitalization was and what that actually
- 24 meant, both the impact to the value of Collus that we
- 25 were retaining 50 percent of and -- and what that

- 1 value meant to the Town of Collingwood, was not clear.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And you
- 3 don't have a recollection of that ever being explained
- 4 to Council?
- 5 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: There was so
- 6 much going on there. I don't have a specific
- 7 recollection that -- you know, about at which point --
- 8 at which meeting that was laid out in black and white
- 9 for them.
- 10 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Set aside whether
- 11 you have a recollection of which meeting that might
- 12 have happened --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yeah.
- 14 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- you don't have a
- 15 recollection --
- 16 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That it --
- 17 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- of that ever
- 18 happening.
- 19 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That's
- 20 correct.
- 21 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Right. And so the
- 22 only information that we have based on the documents,
- 23 which we will hear from other witnesses --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 25 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- is that Council

- 1 was told that the Town would be getting 14 to
- 2 \$15 million.
- 3 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: A 14 or
- 4 \$15 million benefit. Right? Yes.
- 5 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Which would only
- 6 be --
- 7 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: You would only
- 8 assume that that was money.
- 9 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: No.
- 10 no, no.
- 11 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes?
- 12 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: One
- 13 (1) person at a time. So go ahead and finish your
- 14 statement and then let Mr. Breedon ask the question
- 15 and then respond. I understand what you're trying to
- 16 say, and I want to give you every opportunity to say
- 17 it, but we got to do it that way.
- 18 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I apologize.
- 19 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: So you
- 20 were saying a 14 to \$15 million benefit, and then you
- 21 were going to add something, Ms. Wingrove.
- 22 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes. That the
- 23 assumption would be, in the absence of -- of any other
- 24 information or details, that if you thought the Town
- 25 of Collingwood was getting a 14 or \$15 million

1 benefit, you thought that that's how much money that

2 they were going to receive.

- 4 CONTINUED BY MR. RYAN BREEDON:
- 5 MR. RYAN BREEDON: A net benefit.
- 6 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: A net benefit.
- 7 MR. RYAN BREEDON: New -- new money
- 8 coming in.
- 9 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 10 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And
- 11 based on what we've seen, the Council was not told
- 12 that.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Based on what
- 14 we've seen, the Council was not told that.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: And you'll agree
- 16 with me that the Council should have been told that.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 18 MR. RYAN BREEDON: That's critical
- 19 information --
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Absolutely.
- 21 MR. RYAN BREEDON: You have -- let me
- 22 ask the question.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes
- 24 MR. RYAN BREEDON: That's critical
- 25 information to evaluating this transaction.

- 1 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Thank you.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO:
- 4 Mr. Breedon, I wasn't clear on your question. You
- 5 said the Council -- you -- the witness seemed to be
- 6 agreeing that the Council was not told. Could you
- 7 just be --
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Sure.
- 9 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: --
- 10 specific about what they were not told?
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- 12 CONTINUED BY MR. RYAN BREEDON:
- 13 MR. RYAN BREEDON: The Town Council
- 14 was not told that the net benefit to the Town was only
- 15 \$8 million and not \$15 million, correct?
- 16 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: I can't state
- 17 for sure that that -- the explanation between
- 18 recapitalization and cash was clearly articulated to
- 19 them. I believe that that conversation happened, but
- 20 I can't say for sure. And if there is no evidence to
- 21 suggest otherwise, then I think we have to say that --
- 22 that that was not clear to them.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay.
- 24 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: This
- 25 information is not clear.

- 1 MR. RYAN BREEDON: The -- and by "this
- 2 information," you mean the information in the staff
- 3 report which you prepared --
- 4 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes. Yes.
- 5 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- or signed off
- 6 on?
- 7 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 8 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And this PowerPoint
- 9 presentation that we're looking at now.
- 10 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That's right.
- 11 That's correct.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: And when you say
- 13 that it's not clear, what you mean is that it does not
- 14 clearly articulate that the only net benefit to the
- 15 Town is \$8 million.
- 16 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That's
- 17 correct.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: And you do not have
- 19 a specific recollection of anybody clearly explaining
- 20 to Town Council that the only net financial benefit of
- 21 this transaction was \$8 million.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That's
- 23 correct.
- 24 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And you agree with
- 25 me that Council should have been provided with that

- 1 information.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 3 MR. RYAN BREEDON: That the
- 4 understanding -- the actual financial impact of this
- 5 transaction was absolutely critical information for
- 6 Town Council in deciding whether or not to approve
- 7 this sale.
- 8 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.
- 9 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Thank you.
- 10 Those are my questions, Your Honour.
- 11 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: That's
- 12 fine. Thank you. Before you leave this -- can you
- 13 put that document back up, please?
- 14 Can you go to the -- to the slide that
- 15 deals with the tax issue if you -- if you sell the
- 16 Power Corp.? The one (1) that speaks of the deduction
- 17 of the land transfer tax from -- that was paid. I
- 18 want to ask the witness just one (1) question about
- 19 that.

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21 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 23 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: It --
- 24 can I -- can you see on the slide, it's slide
- 25 number 4. It's in front of you now.

347 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: 1 Yes. 2 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Ιt 3 says: "Under the Ontario Electricity Act, 5 the Town will pay a transfer tax 6 equal to 33 percent less payments in lieu of taxes of the proceeds if it sells its ownership interest in 9 Collus to another entity." 10 Were you ever told what that number 11 was? 12 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: No. I don't know what that number was. 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: 14 15 the reason I ask is it seems that that -- it may be that that's the justification for selling the holding 17 company rather than Collus Power. 18 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yeah. I 19 wasn't --20 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: And it would seem to me in order to make that decision, 21 22 someone would have to compare or know that that 23 number -- "33 percent less payments in lieu of 24 taxes" -- was a significant number. 2.5 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes.

- 1 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: So you
- 2 don't recall that number ever being discussed?
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: No. No, I
- 4 don't. And the discussion about whether -- like what
- 5 aspect of the Collus family of companies we were
- 6 actually selling, I was not part of those
- 7 conversations.
- 8 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: All
- 9 right. Oh -- oh, okay. Thank you.
- 10 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Okay?
- 11 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 12 any re-examination?
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Yes. Brief, just
- 14 to clarify confusion about two (2) dates.

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- 16 RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. KATE MCGRANN:
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we pull up the
- 18 transcript of April 18th and go to page 177, please?

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20 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 22 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And scroll down to
- 23 line 14 and so we can see the rest of the bottom of
- 24 the page. You see that Mr. Chenoweth is asking you a
- 25 question:

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                      "Indeed, there was a June 22nd
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                      meeting that took place with
                      Mr. Bentz and Mr. Bonwick and
 3
                      others."
                   And if you could move down a little bit
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   further, on line 20 he says:
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                      "But there was a meeting on
                      June 22nd in which Bonwick and Bentz
 9
                      and others were present."
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                   You see those questions?
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                   MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE:
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                   MS. KATE MCGRANN: Can we look at
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   Foundation Document paragraph 207, please?
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                      (BRIEF PAUSE)
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                   MS. KATE MCGRANN:
                                     Paragraph 207
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   discusses a meeting being scheduled. You see there's
   an invitation sent around on June 22nd inviting
   Ed Houghton, Deputy Mayor Lloyd, Dean Muncaster,
   yourself to a meeting with Brian Bentz.
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                   And then if you look a little bit
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    further, Jeff Lehman's invited. Could we scroll down
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   a little bit further? We see the calendar invitations
25 for June 29th, 2011.
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- 1 Is it the case that the meeting that
- 2 you were asked about with the date of June 22nd
- 3 actually took place on June 29th, 2011?
- 4 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: That would --
- 5 that would be what that evidence suggests, yes.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: One (1) other
- 7 clarification along the same lines. Can we look at
- 8 the transcript for April 18th, 2019, page 194, please.

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10 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 12 MS. KATE MCGRANN: And if we can
- 13 scroll down so we can see from line 5 -- lines 5 and
- 14 onward. Mr. Chenoweth is asking you whether you
- 15 eventually learned about the question of the sale by
- 16 the Town rather than the sale by Power. He references
- 17 a meeting at which Ron Clark attended on December 5th
- 18 with respect to who, in fact, would be the vendor.
- 19 You learned of that then. And you say that you don't
- 20 have a strong memory of that meeting.
- 21 And if we could scroll down a little
- 22 bit further to line 16, Mr. Chenoweth continues to ask
- 23 you questions about presentation and materials given
- 24 by Ron Clark at the December 5th meeting of Council.
- Could we turn up paragraph 488 of the

1 Foundation Document, please?

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3 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- 5 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO:
- 6 Forty-eight (48) or four-eight-eight (488)?
- 7 MS. KATE MCGRANN: Right. Four-eight-
- 8 eight (488).
- 9 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Okay.
- 10 That's on the screen.

- 12 CONTINUED BY MS. KATE MCGRANN:
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: And if -- so -- and
- 14 I'm actually going to direct your attention to 489.
- 15 We're looking at -- so 488 says on the evening of
- 16 January 16th, 2012, there was a closed session meeting
- 17 where Aird & Berlis lawyer Ron Clark gives a
- 18 negotiation update.
- 19 If you look at paragraph 49, it says at
- 20 that meeting Ron Clark made a presentation to Town
- 21 Council that included the following slides. And if
- 22 you could scroll down.
- The first slide says why a sale of
- 24 shares of CUS rather than Collus directly. The
- 25 documents that we've looked at indicate that the

- 1 discussion that Mr. Chenoweth was asking you about
- 2 took place at this meeting on January 16th, 2012.
- 3 Is it the case that the answers that
- 4 you were giving to Mr. Chenoweth were with reference
- 5 to this meeting on January 16th, 2012?
- 6 MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Yes. That's
- 7 correct.
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: Those are my
- 9 questions.
- 10 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 11 Ms. Wingrove, thank you very much. That, I believe,
- 12 now concludes the questioning.
- MS. KIMBERLY WINGROVE: Thank you very
- 14 much.

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16 (WITNESS STANDS DOWN)

- 18 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: And
- 19 Mr. Chenoweth, you wanted to recall -- you wanted --
- 20 there was an area you wanted to ask Ms. Hogg about?
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes,
- 22 Your Honour. Thank you for your courtesy, and I
- 23 apologize for the inconvenience to anyone that it may
- 24 have occurred from my oversight.
- 25 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO:

1 Ms. Hogg, you're still -- you're still under oath.

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3 PAMELA HOGG, Previously Affirmed

- 5 CONTINUED CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. FREDERICK
- 6 CHENOWETH:
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Ms. Hogg,
- 8 during the course of his testimony, Mr. Tim Fryer,
- 9 when he gave his evidence to the Commission, told us
- 10 about a meeting that took place, I believe it was in
- 11 February of 2012, a meeting in which yourself and --
- 12 and Mr. Houghton attended at Mr. Fryer's office and as
- 13 a result of that attendance, Mr. Fryer was away from
- 14 work for approximately two (2) months.
- Do you remember the meeting at which
- 16 you and Mr. Houghton attended Mr. Fryer's office --
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- with
- 19 respect to him not being at the office anymore.
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 22 Mr. Fryer, in that, tells us that in
- 23 that meeting he wasn't put on a medical leave, he was
- 24 put on what he described as an imposed leave of
- 25 absence, to quote him.

- 1 I'm interested in exploring that
- 2 assertion of an imposed leave of absence --
- 3 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO:
- 4 Exploring?
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I want to
- 6 ask some questions about that.
- 7 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: A
- 8 series? I thought there was either one (1) question
- 9 or two (2) or three (3) questions.
- 10 This -- this is now an exploration of -
- 11 of -- of the whole -- this sounds like more than
- 12 that.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: It's one (1)
- 14 issue, Your Honour, and I trust I can do it in less
- 15 than five (5) minutes.
- 16 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: All
- 17 right.
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- 19 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- I -- I'm interested in your knowledge
- 22 of what may have preceded that meeting with Mr. Fryer
- 23 that you and Mr. Houghton attended at his office.
- 24 Was there any other documents, reports
- 25 or information that you received the led to that

- 1 meeting?
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: Yes.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Can you tell
- 4 me about that, please?
- 5 MS. PAMELA HOGG: With privacy for --
- 6 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I'm
- 7 not sure, I'm -- I'm actually having a reservation
- 8 about this myself.
- 9 This is going to get into an area that
- 10 I -- I don't -- I think your reservation about
- 11 answering is his question is actually quite well-
- 12 founded. I don't think this is important, so I'm not
- 13 going to let you ask any questions about it.
- 14 MS. PAMELA HOGG: I have -- I have one
- 15 (1) answer that may --
- 16 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: No.
- MS. PAMELA HOGG: No?
- 18 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 19 don't want to get into it. This is -- this is getting
- 20 so far afield, it's not helpful to me and I think it
- 21 very well may get into an area that's not privileged,
- 22 it's just an area that I have no need to go into and
- 23 these proceedings are quite public and this may be
- 24 quite private information and I don't intend to get
- 25 into it.

356 So that's -- there's not going to be 1 any questioning about this. 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you, Your Honour. 5 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank you, Ms. Hogg. Sorry to drag you back here unnecessarily, but we're not getting into it. 8 9 (WITNESS STANDS DOWN) 10 11 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you. 12 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: We are adjourned. 13 Wednesday. Thank you all very much for -- for 14 15 putting up with this, I know it's 5:45 and I know it's a long weekend and thank you for your cooperation. 17 18 --- Upon adjourning at 5:49 p.m. 19 20 Certified Correct, 21 22 23 24 Wendy Woodworth, Ms. 2.5

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