



## File #21-02

**Respondent:** Registered Professional Biologist

**Complaint Submitted:** March 22, 2021

**Date of Decision:** June 8, 2021

### Complaint Summary:

A complaint was submitted against a member of the College alleging unethical conduct. In particular, the allegations were that the respondent breached the following Principles of the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct:

- Principle 2: Undertake assignments and offer opinions only in areas in where training and ability make the registrant professionally competent.
- Principle 3: Ensure they meet a professional standard of care by practicing applied biology with attention, caution, prudence, and due diligence.
- Principle 5: Hold paramount the safety, health and welfare of the public, including the protection of the environment and the promotion of health and safety in the workplace.

The complaint alleged the respondent did not a) conduct an environmental assessment prior to project approval b) take into account cumulative affects to the area c) consider of human health impacts d) comply with the Municipality's Official Community Plan and e) have the technical expertise required and f) seek appropriate expertise from another applied biology professional.

### Decision:

The Investigations Committee (the Committee) reviewed detailed submissions from both the complainant and the respondent. The Committee determined the complaint was focused on a regulatory process outside the College's statutory jurisdiction and did not involve the respondent's professional practice and there were no breaches of professional ethics or conduct. Therefore, in accordance with Bylaw 9-8(e), the Investigations Committee has dismissed the complaint and the file is closed.