



File # 21-07

Respondent: Registered Professional Biologist

Complaint Submitted: Received August 24, 2021

Date of Decision: September 15, 2022

Complaint Summary:

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

Professional Conduct:

- Principle 1: Provide objective, science-based, unfettered, forthright and intellectually honest opinion, advice and reports in applied biology.
- 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.
- Principle 7: Maintain a standard of personal and professional conduct that does not reflect adversely on the College or its registrants.

The complaint alleged the respondent conducted work that included the misclassification of a waterbody as drainage ditch, works was conducted under the high water mark (HWM), on privately owned adjacent property and was conducted during the pandemic when restrictions were in place all in order to circumvent a more rigorous regulatory approval process.

Decision:

The Investigations Committee (the Committee) reviewed detailed submissions from the complainant, the respondent and an investigators report. In their review, the Committee determined that the RPBio did not breach of the College Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct. Therefore, in accordance with Bylaw 9-8(1)(e), the Investigations Committee has dismissed the complaint and the file is closed.