Councillor Code of Conduct

May 15, 2018



Council and Committee History

- February and April 2018 Governance Advisory Committee review drafts of Code of Conduct bylaw.
- October 7, 2014 Council reviewed the Council Code of Conduct policy (GOV-001-028)
- April 24, 2011 Council approved the Council Code of Conduct policy (GOV-001-028)



Context - MGA Review

- Review of the MGA began in 2012
- Bill 20 Municipal Government Amendment Act passed in March 2015
- Bill 21 Modernized Municipal Government Act passed May 2016
- Bill 8 An Act to Strengthen Municipal Government passed April 2017



Code of Conduct for Elected Officials Regulation

- Municipalities must establish a code of conduct bylaw as per the Code of Conduct for Elected Officials Regulation.
- The Code of Conduct governs the conduct of councillors and is applied to all councillors equally.
- The related sections of legislation and the regulation came into force on October 26, 2017.
- The code of conduct bylaw must be in place by July 23, 2018 (270 days).

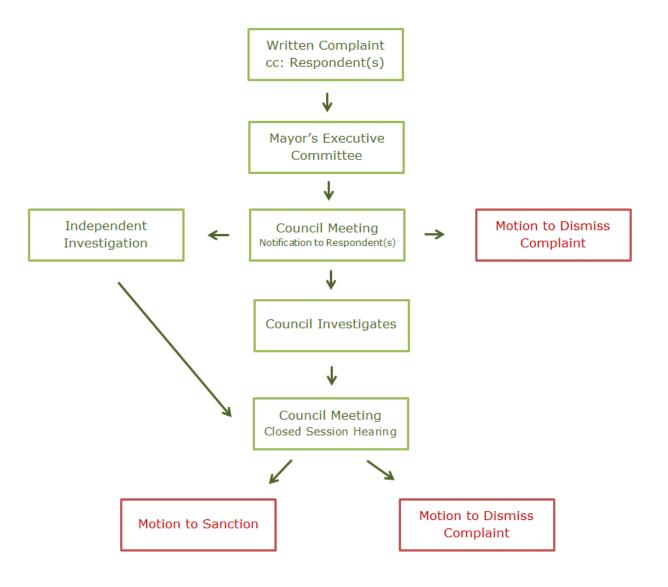


Governance Advisory Committee Review

- The Governance Advisory Committee (GAC) reviewed this matter and reviewed a draft of the bylaw in March and April of 2018.
- The GAC recommended that:
 - the Code of Conduct align with the legislative requirements but cautioned against becoming too complex or burdensome;
 - Only apply to members of Council and not to members of Council Committees;
 - Repealing certain policies where the Code of Conduct overlaps with the policy content (e.g. Council Communications and Election Campaigns); and
 - Ensuring that there was adequate opportunity for all of Council to consider the draft of the bylaw and provide input.



Proposed Process for Formal Complaints





Thoughts? Questions?



