

**Governance Policies for Rescission****Report Purpose**

To provide Council with a report on policies recommended for rescission.

**Recommendation**

THAT the following policies be rescinded:

1. GOV-001-028 Council Code of Conduct
2. GOV-001-031 Election Campaigns
3. GOV-001-033 Council Communications

**Council History**

June 19, 2018 – Council approved Bylaw 27-2018 Council Code of Conduct

March 27, 2012 – Council adopted Election Campaigns Policy

March 27, 2012 – Council adopted Council/Public Communications Policy

April 26, 2011 – Council adopted the Council Code of Conduct Policy

**Strategic Plan Priority Areas**

**Economy:** n/a

**Governance:** Ensuring that policies are updated and relevant is connected to a sound governance process and supports effective decision-making and increases public confidence.

**Social:** n/a

**Culture:** n/a

**Environment:** n/a

**Other Impacts**

**Policy:** GOV-002-021 Mandatory Review of Bylaws and Policies requires that policies are reviewed on a three-year cycle.

**Legislative/Legal:** The Municipal Government Act (MGA) s. 5 sets out that a municipality has the duties that are imposed on it by enactments and those that the municipality imposes on itself as a matter of policy.

**Interdepartmental:** n/a

**Summary**

In response to new Municipal Government Act requirements and provincial regulation 200/2017 (Code of Conduct for Elected Officials), Strathcona County Council approved a Code of Conduct for elected officials bylaw on June 19, 2018 (Bylaw 27-2018). The Code of Conduct Bylaw subsumed much of the matters addressed in a number of County policies: Council Code of Conduct Policy; Council/Public Communications Policy; and the Election Campaigns Policy. For example, the new Code of Conduct Bylaw provides guidelines and obligations on the use of municipal assets and services, election campaigns, representing the municipality, communication on behalf of the municipality, etc. Since Bylaw 27-2018 addresses the content of these policies, Administration recommends that the policies be rescinded.

**Communication Plan**

Legislative and Legal Services documents all rescinded policies and works with the various departments to ensure that the Municipal Policy Handbook is updated and that any webpage or external reference to the policy are updated appropriately.

**Enclosure**

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