

Priorities Committee Meeting_Sep15_2020

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE**Discussion on Code of Conduct Bylaw****Report Purpose**

Council directed that the Priorities Committee have a discussion on the Code of Conduct Bylaw.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Governance Requirement

Report

N/A

Council and Committee History

July 21, 2020	Council approved: THAT Strathcona County Bylaw 27-2018 be brought back to Priorities Committee for review at the September 15, 2020 Priorities Committee to allow for discussion of matters noted by Legislative and Legal Services at the May 15, 2018 Council Priority Meeting regarding two specific aspects of the formal complaint process in the bylaw as approved by Council on June 19, 2018: 1. Council's approach "differs from the approach taken by some other municipalities" in that "the complaint process is limited to members of Council (e.g. members of the public are not able to make a Code of Conduct complaint); 2. Further, while some municipalities are relying on an independent external investigator to receive and investigate complaints, the process approved by Council under the Bylaw has the whole of Council as the main body to receive complaints"
June 19, 2018	Council gave three readings to Bylaw 27-2018, Council Code of Conduct.
May 15, 2018	Priorities Committee reviewed a draft version of the Council Code of Conduct.
February and April 2018	Governance Advisory Committee reviewed the Council Code of Conduct proposed bylaw.

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: The *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, M-26, s. 146.1(1) requires that a council establish, by bylaw, a code of conduct governing the conduct of councillors. The Code of Conduct for Elected Officials Regulation (200/2017) provides the required contents for the Code of Conduct bylaw. Bylaw 27-2018 is the County's Council Code of Conduct Bylaw.

Interdepartmental: n/a

Master Plan/Framework: n/a

Enclosure

1 Bylaw 27-2018 Council Code of Conduct Bylaw