

Councillor Request Inquiry #6-2021

2021

Dear members of Council,

At the February 9, 2021 Priorities Committee meeting, the following information request was made:

Information Request – Council Code of Conduct (Councillor Delaine)

Please provide the most current Council Code of Conduct Bylaw that was passed on June 19, 2018 and include Schedule A which has the code of conduct that all elected officials sign prior to taking office.

Response to Information Request:

The Council Code of Conduct bylaw (Bylaw 27-2018) is available on the County's public website – Frequently Requested Bylaw page. It can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

The bylaw received three readings at the June 19, 2018 Council meeting.

Part of the reason for the development of the bylaw was a provincial requirement that municipalities establish a code of conduct bylaw as per the [Code of Conduct for Elected Officials Regulation](#) that governs the conduct of councillors and is applied to all councillors equally.

The Code of Conduct bylaw (27-2018) does not include any schedules.

The older Strathcona County governance policy on Council Code of Conduct (GOV-001-028) did include a 'Schedule A' which was a code of ethics signed by elected officials following an election. The policy was rescinded on September 11, 2018 since it was replaced by bylaw 27-2018.

While all County elected officials are governed by County bylaw, there is no "code of ethics" to be signed following the next municipal election.

Elected officials will be sworn in and will sign an oath of office which is administered by the presiding Justice. The form of the oath is prescribed in section 2 of the *Oaths of Office Act, RSA 2000, c O-1*.

Thank you,

Mavis