



Legislation Text

File #: BL 18-014, **Version:** 1

Council Code of Conduct Bylaw 2018-05

Proposed Motion

1. That Bylaw 2018-05 receive first reading.

Administration Recommendation

Administration supports that the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw 2018-05 receive first reading, as presented.

Purpose

Bill 20, *Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2015* came into force on October 26, 2017. An amendment of the *Municipal Government Act*, Section 146.1 is that Council must, by bylaw, establish a Code to govern all councillors equally, by July 23, 2018. Administration has prepared Council Code of Conduct Bylaw 2018-05 accordingly.

Summary

In accordance with the Municipal Government Act that came into force on October 26, 2017, Section 146.1, that states:

- (1) *A council must, by bylaw, establish a code of conduct governing the conduct of councillors.*
- (2) *A code of conduct under subsection (1) must apply to all councillors equally.*
- (3) *A council may, by bylaw, establish a code of conduct governing the conduct of members of council committees and other bodies established by the council who are not councillors.*
- (4) *A councillor must not be disqualified or removed from office for a breach of the code.*
- (5) *The Minister may make regulations*
 - (a) *respecting matters that a code of conduct established under subsection (1) must address;*
 - (b) *respecting the date by which councils must establish a code of conduct under subsection (1);*
 - (c) *respecting sanctions to be imposed for a breach of a code of conduct established under subsection (1);*
 - (d) *respecting matters that a council must take into consideration in establishing a code of conduct under subsection (1) or (3), or both;*
 - (e) *respecting implementation of a code of conduct established under subsection (1) or (3), or both;*
 - (f) *respecting any other matter the Minister considers necessary or advisable to carry out the intent and purpose of this Division.*

Administration is bringing forward the Code of Conduct Bylaw for first reading only, this is to allow Council adequate time for consideration and to provide feedback prior to attaining second and third reading to this bylaw. The bylaw will be brought forward for final consideration on June 12, 2018.

Strategic Plan/Policy/Legal/Staff Implications:

Municipal Government Act, Section 146.1

Municipal Government Act, Code of Conduct for Elected Officials Regulation 200/2017

Financial Impact:

Cost: n/a

Source of Funding: n/a