

CITY OF PARKSVILLE

POLICY

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to guide council members in their conduct of municipal business so that their behaviour is consistent with the core values of quality service, community participation, openness and accountability, equality, loyalty, respect and trust, integrity and impartiality, best work practices, staff inclusiveness; and responsibility to and representation of all citizens.

POLICY

Under the Council Code of Conduct, Council Members:

- a) Will act in good faith at all times, putting public interest above personal interest.
- b) Will not disclose information that has been shared in confidence during *incamera* sessions.
- c) Will recognize that the expenditure of municipal funds is a public trust, and will endeavour to ensure that such funds are only spent in the best interest of the City.
- d) Will avoid hostility and bitterness during meetings; observe proper decorum and behaviour; encourage full and open discussion in all matters; and not withhold or conceal from fellow Council Members any information or matter in which they should be concerned.
- e) Will not make disparaging remarks (in or out of the council meeting) about other Council members or their opinions, but will reserve the right to make honest and respectful criticism.

- f) Will not pursue any procedure calculated to embarrass a fellow member of Council or member of the City staff.
- g) Will endeavour to make educated decisions, by gathering information from other council members, staff, and when applicable from individuals or groups.
- h) Will abide by the majority decisions of Council.
- i) Will never publicly criticize members of City staff.
- j) Will observe the chain of command and will limit requests for staff support to the CAO or Departmental Directors.

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