Town of Stavely

Code of Conduct for Municipal Councillors

It is imperative that councillors remember that they were elected by the public in order to serve a public purpose. Councillors must act in the public interest, and put the public's interests ahead of their own personal interests, or the interests of other private individuals or groups.

It is also extremely important that elected officials understand that the public must have confidence in the integrity of its public institutions and government, and the ethical conduct of their local government officials.

Accordingly, it is the purpose of this Code of Conduct to set out certain ethical guidelines which are in addition to any statutory or other legal requirements imposed upon elected officials. In the event of any conflict, any law or legal requirement shall have priority over these guidelines.

The Code of Conduct for Municipal Councillors is a follows.

Municipal Councillors shall:

- Not use their position to secure special privileges, favours or exemptions, for themselves, their relatives, or any other person, but shall at all times serve the public interest.
- 2. Discharge their powers, duties and functions honorably, faithfully, and conscientiously.
- Have respect for and endeavour to conduct all of the municipality's business in accordance with applicable legislation, legal requirements, bylaws, regulations and policies.
- Become familiar with any procedural bylaws or general policies applicable to council
 or councillors, and endeavour to become knowledgeable about legal and policy issues
 applicable to municipalities.
- 5. Respect the powers, duties, and functions of other councillors, administration and employees.
- 6. Treat fellow councillors, committee members, employees and members of the public with respect, honesty and fairness.

- 7. Declare any pecuniary interest when appropriate to do so.
- 8. Safeguard confidential information, including that of the municipality, council, and employees, and in that regard, respect the requirements of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26, and the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.A. 2000 c.F-25.

Adopted by resolution this 23rd Day of October, 2017.

Town of Stavely

Mayor Gentry Hall

Councillor Janice Binmore

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