



NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Upholding Reporting and Accountability of Council

Sponsoring Councillor(s): Penner

WHEREAS Bill 50 introduced by the Minister of Municipal Affairs will repeal section 146.1 of the MGA (Municipal Government Act), removing the ability for councils to have a code of conduct bylaw for elected officials;

AND WHEREAS Bylaw 26M2018 (Code of Conduct for Elected Officials) would be repealed when Bill 50 comes into force;

AND WHEREAS Bylaw 26M2018 includes more than behaviour between elected officials and outlines the requirements for reporting of gifts; spending of ward budget; and meetings taken and events attended;

AND WHEREAS disclosure and reporting of gifts and benefits, spending of ward budget; meetings taken, and events attended are currently posted on the City of Calgary website quarterly;

AND WHEREAS Bylaw 26M2018 further includes rules for use of City owned assets and election activities for those holding office and without policy there is no regulation or accountability;

AND WHEREAS Bylaw 26M2018 defines the role and scope of the Ethics advisor who supports council for required disclosure and declaration of pecuniary interest under the MGA (sections 169-173), and confidentiality under the MGA (section 153e);

AND WHEREAS Bylaw 26M2018 defines the role and scope of the Integrity Commissioner, and without policy that position would be eliminated, removing neutral third party evaluation of public grievances of council members with respect to policy or bylaws;

AND WHEREAS Bylaw 26M2018 is referenced in other council policies and bylaws which will be impact by the repeal of the Code of Conduct;

AND WHEREAS Bylaw 26M2018 also pertained to councillors' staff as contractors to each councillors and without would have no policy or guidelines specific to conduct;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs Administration to:

1. Amend respective council policies or bylaws which reference 26M2018 and to ensure they align and are compliant with the MGA with respect to reporting of spending of public funds through ward budgets; and
2. Retain a process for councillors to opt into public reporting of gifts or personal benefits, meetings taken, and events attended; and

3. Create a respectful workplace policy for councillor staff which councillors may chose to use individually upon signing contracts; and
4. Return to Executive Committee 17 June 2025 with any completed actions where possible and scope of work and timelines for completion for outstanding items.

Attachment:

1. Notice of Motion Checklist