

Background and Previous Council Direction

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The *Municipal Government Act* (“MGA”) was amended on 2025 May 15. As a result, Council is no longer authorized to regulate the conduct of Members of Council, and the *Code of Conduct for Elected Officials* Bylaw 26M0218 is repealed. The City Solicitor & General Counsel has retained Dr. Emily Laidlaw to provide legal advice and education on the continuing legal and ethical obligations of Members of Council.

Previous Council Direction

DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
2025 June 24	EC2025-0636	<p>Response to Notice of Motion EC2025-0521 Upholding Reporting and Accountability of Council</p> <p>Council directed Administration to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Retain the current process for publishing where compliant with legislation, on a voluntary basis, public disclosures provided by Members of Council each quarter of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Gifts and personal benefits; b. Supporting information for budget and expense disclosures; c. Meetings; and d. Fundraising related to activities under the guidelines for “Fundraising by Members of Council” (PFC2017-0426). 2. Give three readings to the Proposed Bylaw 38M2025 to amend the Councillors Budgets and Expenses Bylaw 36M2021 (Attachment 3).
2025 May 27	EC2025-0521	<p>Notice of Motion – Upholding Reporting and Accountability of Council</p> <p>Council directed Administration to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amend respective council policies or bylaws which reference the <i>Code of Conduct for Elected Officials</i> Bylaw 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 choose 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.
2025 May 27	C2025-0547	<p>Ethics and Integrity Office: Recent Amendments to the Municipal Government Act</p> <p>The Ethics Advisor provided an update to Council on recent amendments to the MGA affecting the regulation and oversight of Council Members' conduct, continuing conduct related requirements and the ongoing provision of external legal support for Council Members.</p>
2018 May 28	PFC2018-0554	<p>Proposed Code of Conduct for Elected Officials Bylaw 26M2018</p> <p>Council adopted the Code of Conduct for Elected Officials Bylaw and rescinded the Ethical Conduct Policy (CP2017-03).</p>
2014 November 03	LGT2014-0834	<p>Proposed Disclosure Policy for Members of Council</p> <p>Council adopted the Disclosure Policy for Members of Council on the recommendation of the Legislative Governance Task Force.</p>