

Ethical Guidelines of Conduct for Members of Council

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The proper operation of democratic local government requires that elected officials be independent, impartial and duly responsible to the people.

To this end it is imperative that:

- ◆ Government decisions and policy be made through the proper channels of government structure.
- ◆ Public office not be used for personal gain.
- ◆ The public have confidence in the integrity of its government.

Accordingly it is the purpose of these guidelines of conduct to outline certain basic rules for elected municipal government officials in Alberta so that they may carry out their entrusted duties with impartiality and dignity, recognizing that the function of council members is, at all times, service to their community and the public.

To further these objectives, certain ethical principles should govern the conduct of members of council in Alberta in order that they shall maintain the highest standards in public office and faithfully discharge the duties of office.

Members of Council shall:

1. Govern their conduct in accordance with the requirements and obligations set out in the municipal legislation of the Province of Alberta.
2. Not use confidential information for the personal profit of themselves or any other person.
3. Not communicate confidential information to anyone not entitled to receive same.
4. Not use their position to secure special privileges, favours, or exemptions for themselves or any other person.
5. Preserve the integrity and impartiality of Council
6. For a period of twelve (12) months after leaving office, abide by the ethical standards of conduct listed above, except those related to confidential information which shall apply in perpetuity.

Members of a Municipal Council shall not assume that any unethical activities not covered by or specifically prohibited by these ethical guidelines of conduct, or by any legislation, are therefore condoned.

Members of this Council agree to uphold the intent of these guidelines and to govern their actions accordingly.