

WORK PLAN – Code of Conduct

1.(a) Review of Code of Conduct

- Should conduct a review to incorporate items arising from the coming amendments to the *Municipal Act*.
- The relevant amendments to the Municipal Act are to come into effect on March 1, 2019.
- Major area:
 - Requests from Members of Council and Local Boards for advice from Integrity Commissioner concerning obligations under the Code of Conduct, obligations under procedures, rules or policies of the Municipality, or obligations under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* are to be made in writing and advice is to be given in writing.
 - Provisions of the *Act* concerning restrictions on requesting and pursuing investigations in relation to Municipal elections.
 - New provision allowing persons to apply to the Integrity Commissioner for an investigation regarding alleged contraventions of the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.
 - Expanded meaning of conflict of interest.
- Should consider developing an Appendix specifically setting out, in point form, the process and requirements for filing a complaint.
- Streamline and update requirements for reporting to Council.

(b) Process

- Integrity Commissioner to prepare a draft proposal of amended Code for review and discussion by Council.
- Based on review and discussion, prepare revised Code for formal approval.

2. Education

- Major changes are in the area of Municipal Conflict of Interest. Council may find some education regarding these changes helpful.
 - Some may be provided through AMO and other organizations
 - Could be provided as part of an in-person presentation
 - Could be provided through written commentary

3. Timing

- Ministry still working on regulations which could elaborate on certain provisions. May be wise to wait until early in new year which would be closer to the date when the amendments become effective.