

CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 2 OF THE
COUNCIL EXPENDITURE AND CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW
TASK FORCE

*For consideration by the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee
of the City of Vaughan
on May 1, 2017*

The Council Expenditure and Code of Conduct Review Task Force met at 9:37 a.m. on April 5, 2017.

Present: Councillor Marilyn Iafrate, Chair
Regional Councillor Gino Rosati
Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

Staff Present: Daniel Kostopoulos, City Manager
Suzanne Craig, Integrity Commissioner
Barbara McEwan, City Clerk
Laura Mirabella-Siddall, Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer (11:29 a.m.)
Lloyd Noronha, Director, Financial Planning and Development Finance/Deputy City

Treasurer Bob Philip, Acting Director Legal Services
Todd Coles, Deputy City Clerk
Jackie Macchiusi, Senior Manager of Corporate Financial Planning & Analysis
Adelina Bellisario, Council / Committee Administrator

The following item was dealt with:

**1 INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDATIONS ON AMENDMENTS TO RULES 2, 3
AND 14 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

The Council Expenditure and Code of Conduct Review Task Force advises Council:

- 1) That the following recommendations contained in Attachment 1 to the report of the Integrity Commissioner, dated April 5, 2017, were approved for inclusion in a revised Code of Ethical Conduct for Members of Council;

That Rule 2.1 of the be aligned with the language contained in the amendments to the Councillor Expense Policy provisions in relation to Council authorized events;

That the Code of Ethical Conduct for Members of Council include the prohibition that Members of Council must not post content on social media that discloses information that was discussed or distributed in camera or other confidential meetings; and

That the Code of Ethical Conduct for Members of Council require the City to forward harassment complaints against Members of Council to the Integrity Commissioner; and

- 2) That consideration of the remaining recommendations contained in Attachment 1 was deferred to the next meeting of the Council Expenditure and Code of Conduct Review Task

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- 3) **Force; and
That the deputation of Ms. Carrie Liddy, Woodbridge, was received.**

Report of the Integrity Commissioner, dated April 5, 2017.

Recommendation

The Integrity Commissioner recommends:

1. That the recommendations as set out in Attachment 1 of this report be considered by the Members of the Task Force with a view to updating the Code of Conduct for Members of Council.

Contribution to Sustainability

The Integrity Commissioner recommendations contribute to the City of Vaughan's commitment to the accountability provisions of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, Part V.1

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact associated with this report.

Communications Plan

N/A

Purpose

To provide the Code of Conduct Review Task Force with recommended amendments to Rules 2, 3, and 14 of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council (the "Code").

Background - Analysis and Options

At the February 28, 2017 Code of Conduct Review Task Force meeting, Members requested that the Integrity Commissioner bring back recommendations on amendments to Rules 2, 3 and 14 of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council.

Relationship to Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018)

This report supports the following priority set forth in the Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018):

- Continue to advance a culture of excellence in governance.

Regional Implications

No regional implications

Conclusion

The City policies and/or rules of the Code cannot develop an exhaustive list of what actions are allowable or not for the purposes of adherence to the Rules of the Code. It is a recognized principle of accountability regimes that the ethical decision-making is left up to the individual Member of Council

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who must balance the needs of the community against the key principles contained in Rule 1 of the Code, to determine the most appropriate actions.

The recommendations contained in this report will give greater clarity to Members of Council on what they should consider in order to comply with the Rules of the Code.

Attachments

1. Integrity Commissioner's comments and recommended Amendments to the Code of Conduct.

Report prepared by:

Suzanne Craig, Integrity Commissioner

The meeting stood adjourned at 11:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Marilyn Iafrate, Chair

Report prepared by: Adelina Bellisario, Council / Committee Administrator