

CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 3 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 June 19, 2017*

The Council Expenditure and Code of Conduct Review Task Force met at 9:39 a.m. on May 25, 2017.

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

Staff Present: Daniel Kostopoulos, City Manager
Suzanne Craig, Integrity Commissioner
Claudia Storto, Deputy City Manager, Legal & Human Resources
Barbara McEwan, City Clerk
Lloyd Noronha, Director, Financial Planning and Development Finance/Deputy City Treasurer
Todd Coles, Deputy City Clerk
Elizabeth Quattrociocchi, Corporate Financial Analyst
Adelina Bellisario, Council / Committee Administrator

The following item was dealt with:

**1. INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDATIONS ON AMENDMENTS TO RULES 2, 3 10 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 recommendations contained in the following report of the Integrity Commissioner, dated May 25, 2017, were approved as amended to be forwarded as part of the Task Force's final Findings Report to the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee meeting of June 19, 2017.**

Report of the Integrity Commissioner, dated May 25, 2017.

Recommendation

The Integrity Commissioner recommends:

1. That the definitions as outlined in Attachment 1 be included in the Code;
2. That the language in the Code and the language contained in any amendments to the Councillor Expense Policy provisions in relation Council authorized events, be aligned;
3. That the caption to Rule 2.1 to address all Member-organized or sponsored community events under Rule 2.3 of the Code, as outlined in Attachment 1, be added to the Code;
4. That the caption to Rule 10 as outlined in Attachment 1, be added to the Code;

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5. That the following be added to Rule 3 Confidential Information of the Code:

Members of Council must not post content on social media that discloses confidential information or information that was discussed or distributed in camera or other confidential meetings; and

6. That the following be added to Rule 14 Harassment of the Code:

The City shall forward any harassment complaint received against Members of Council, to the Integrity Commissioner and advise the complainant of this requirement.

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, 10 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 10 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 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.

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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 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Marilyn Iafrate, Chair

Report prepared by: Adelina Bellisario, Council / Committee Administrator