

# CITY OF VAUGHAN CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW

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COMMUNICATION  
Council Expenditure and Code of Conduct  
Review Task Force  
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Item 1

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# 1. Bill 68: Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2016

- ▶ Bill 68 will *require* municipalities to:
  - ▶ Establish Codes of Conduct;
  - ▶ Appoint an Integrity Commissioner;
  - ▶ Set minimum Code of Conduct standards;
  - ▶ Establish protocols for interaction between elected officials and staff

# AREAS OF BILL 68 THAT THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE CODE OF CONDUCT

- ▶ Bill 68 will *enhance* powers of municipal Integrity Commissioners to:
  - ▶ Receive and investigate MCIA complaints;
  - ▶ Receive requests for advice from Members of Council on obligations under the Code of Conduct, procedures and rules of the municipality and the MCIA;
  - ▶ Commence Own Initiative investigations of whether a Member of Council contravened Code of Conduct or MCIA

## 2. CODE OF CONDUCT RULE 2

- **Gifts and Benefits: Rule 2.1**
  - Clarification on what is captured under clauses (f) and (g);
  - Fundraising;
  - Clarification on meaning of “authorized” or “endorsed”;
  - Clarification on clause (j) i-iv;
  - Clarification on allowable gifts and the obligation to complete a Councillor Information Statement

## 2. CODE OF CONDUCT RULE 2

- **Gifts and Benefits: Rule 2.3**
  - Clarification of Council Member Sponsored/Organized Community Events;
  - Clarification of distinction between Council Member Sponsored Community Events and City Events;
  - Donor Declaration Form for Council Member-Organized Community Event;
  - Align Code regulation of Council Member Sponsored/Organized Community Events and Lobbyist Registry

### 3. CODE OF CONDUCT RULE 3

- **Confidential Information:**
  - Closed meeting deliberations;
  - Electronic communication;

# CONFIDENTIALITY

- Confidential Information
  - ▶ No member shall disclose or release by any means to any member of the public, any confidential information acquired by virtue of their office, in either oral or written form, except when required by law or authorized by Council to do so
  - ▶ No Member shall use confidential information for financial or **other gain**, or other gain of a family member or any person or corporation
  - ▶ No member shall disclose the content of a matter that has been discussed at or the substance of deliberations of a **closed session meeting**, except for content that has been authorized by Council or a Committee of Council to be released to the public.

## 4. CODE OF CONDUCT RULE 14

- Harassment:
  - Clarification of 2-step process;
  - Obligation for the City to notify the Integrity Commissioner of a complaint with respect to a Member of Council;



## 5. NEW AREAS

- Employee Code of Conduct complaints;
- Council Member Social Media Policy;
- Definition of Role of a Member of Council:
  - Official City Business v Ward/Constituency Business
  - Ward Councillor and Regional Councillor;