



COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: April 11, 2023

From: Paul Gipps, CAO

Subject: **Code of Conduct Council Policy**

Report Prepared by: Corinne Boback, Legislative Services Manager/Corporate Officer

RECOMMENDATION to Consider and Resolve:

THAT Council review and amend as necessary the proposed Code of Conduct Policy required under the *Community Charter*; and

THAT Council adopt the Code of Conduct Policy; and

THAT Council rescind the Code of Ethics Policy.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Foster Safety and Well-Being

BACKGROUND

At the Regular Meeting of Council on March 14, 2023, Council considered the new requirements for a Code of Conduct under Bill 26 where Local Governments must either establish a code of conduct or use a current code of conduct and decide if it should be reviewed or amended within six months of their first meeting of Council.

Council reviewed the proposed *draft* Code of Conduct which represented the foundational principles of responsible conduct: *integrity, respect, accountability, leadership, and collaboration*. These four principles are the foundation of every code of conduct for local governments and meet the *Community Charter* requirements.

At the meeting, Council directed staff to pare down the proposed *draft* Code of Conduct presented and blend it with the City of West Kelowna's current Code of Ethics policy that was adopted in August 2012.

COUNCIL REPORT / RESOLUTION HISTORY

Date	Report Topic / Resolution	Resolution No.
March 14, 2023	THAT Council direct staff to amend the current Code of Ethics to meet the new Provincial requirements of a Council Code of Conduct, keeping the document concise and to the point. <u>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</u>	C144/23

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Community Charter, S. 113.1 requirement to consider code of conduct.

Alternate Recommendation to Consider and Resolve:

THAT Council not approve the proposed new Code of Conduct Policy as required under the *Community Charter*; and

THAT Council provide a statement respecting the reasons for the decision to be made available to the public.

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Paul Gipps, CAO

Attachments:

1. Current Code of Ethics (adopted August 14, 2012)
2. Draft Code of Conduct