



Council report

Meeting date:	September 15, 2020
Title:	Council Code of Conduct
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Reviewed by:	Laura Johnston, CAO/Deputy clerk

Recommendation

That the Council of the Municipality of West Grey receives the report, Council Code of Conduct; and

That the Council of the Municipality of West Grey approves the committee of the whole recommendation to pass the council code of conduct as presented by Principles Integrity at the May 26, 2020 committee of the whole meeting by considering the bylaw to adopt the code of conduct in the bylaw portion of the agenda.

Executive summary

Integrity commissioners Jeffrey Abrams and Janice Atwood-Petkovski, co-principles, Principles Integrity, presented a draft code of conduct at the May 26, 2020 committee of the whole meeting. Resolution No. 52-20, which recommended to council to pass the code of conduct was deferred by Resolution No. 53-20 to a future council or committee of the whole meeting.

Background and discussion

Integrity commissioners Jeffrey Abrams and Janice Atwood-Petkovski, co-principles, Principles Integrity, presented an outline of the purpose having a code of conduct, ethical and behavioural guideposts, and key elements of a code of conduct, including mandated provisions, general principals, focused discussions on particular rules, and protocols within the draft Council Code of Conduct.

Principles Integrity worked closely with the CAO and clerk to finalize the presented draft Code of Conduct. Various questions and concerns of the committee of the whole were addressed during the May 26, 2020 presentation. At that time, committee of the whole Resolution No. 52-20, which recommended council pass the code of conduct, was deferred by Resolution No. 53-20 wherein committee of the whole directed that the resolution be brought back to a future council or committee of the whole meeting.



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The CAO and clerk have recently met with Mr. Abrams and Ms. Atwood-Petkovski to review the final version of the code of conduct and confirm that no further questions or concerns have been received. A bylaw to adopt the council code of conduct is in the bylaw portion of the agenda for council's consideration.

Legal and legislated requirements

Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, section 223.2

Financial and resource implications

Cost of Integrity Commissioner consultation and investigation services – as needed.

Staffing implications

N/A

Consultation

CAO/Deputy Clerk

Mr. Abrams, Principles Integrity

Ms. Atwood-Petkovski, Principles Integrity

Alignment to strategic vision plan

Pillar: Work together

Goal: Clear communication

Strategy: Improve internal communication

Attachments

None.

Next steps

Adopt Bylaw No. 62-2020.

Respectfully submitted:

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Clerk