

Date: November 12, 2024

- To: Municipal Council
- cc: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Councillor , Corporate and Residential Services Committee Chairperson

RE: Corporate & Residential Services Committee Report

The Committee held its regular meeting on November 12, 2024, and the following motion is coming forward as a result of that meeting:

1. ELECTED OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT 2024

The Elected Officials Code of Conduct was legislated into effect in the Fall of 2024, and requires municipalities and villages to adopt a code of conduct within 60 days of the general election, December 19, 2024. The municipal code of conduct is an important tool for promoting integrity and accountability within local government in Nova Scotia. This code provides clear guidelines for elected members of council, supporting them in upholding the high standards expected by their communities. By strengthening good governance, the code will bring lasting benefits to municipalities and villages across the province, furthering our shared commitment to serve the public with transparency and excellence. Staff recommended an updated code with all the elements of the new legislated Code along with elements from the existing Municipality of East Hants Code of Conduct.

The Corporate and Residential Services Committee recommends to Council *that Council give* notice of intent to approve the Elected Officials Code of Conduct as attached to the Executive Committee agenda dated November 12, 2024, and that the Council Procedural Policy be amended to remove Code of Conduct content.

As Chair of the Committee, I so move...

As Chair of the Committee, I move the adoption of this report.