

# Council Orientation

February 20, 2019

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# Agenda

- Bill 68 and the Municipal Act
- Integrity Commissioner
- Procedural By-law and Policy Consolidation
- Code of Conduct Review
- Boards, Committees, Agencies & Policies Status
- Other Considerations



# Bill 68 - Background

- **Bill 68, Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act** received Royal Assent on May 31, 2017, amending the Municipal Act, 2001 (Schedule 1), Municipal Conflict of Interest Act (Schedule 3), Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and minor changes to other acts (Schedule 4).

# Bill 68 - Impacts

- Conflict of Interest, in writing and registry
- Council/employee relations, required policy
- Meetings of council, definition, permitting electronic participation
- Codes of Conduct, update
- Complaint process, establish
- Integrity Commissioner, appointment and powers
- Pregnancy & parental leave for Council members

# Bill 68 – Integrity Commissioner

- Appoint an Integrity Commissioner by March 1, 2019
- The role of the IC will be to report to council on the:
  - Application of the code of conduct to members of council;
  - Application of any procedures, rules or policies governing the ethical behaviour of members of council;
  - Application of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act; and
- If requested by members of council advise respecting their obligations under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

# Bill 68 – Procedural By-law

- Last amended September 2018
- Amendments Required
  - Pregnancy and parental leave
  - Process for addressing the investigation report
- Options
  - Electronic participation

# Code of Conduct - Council

- Last updated November 2016
- To be reviewed by Council, within 1 year following the election
- Input by the Integrity Commissioner

# Bill 68 – Next Steps (2019)

- Integrity Commissioner appointment
- Procedural By-law revisions
- Council Code of Conduct review
- Conflict of Interest declaration process
- Pregnancy and parental leave policy

# Boards/Committees/Agencies Review

- Legislated Committees
- Non-Legislated Committees
- Recreation Volunteer Management Committees
- Agencies
- Task Forces
- Guiding Policy, Code of Conduct and Terms of Reference

# Policy Review Program

- Reviewed guiding policies and by-laws for Council through the former Executive Committee policy review process
- 246 total policies reviewed, updated and/or rescinded

# Questions & Feedback

