

Code of Conduct for LRT Governance Board Members

Recommendation:

That City Policy C568, Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Guidelines for LRT Governance Board Members, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the July 17, 2012, Corporate Services report 2012COC105, be approved.

Report Summary

This report requests Council's approval of a Code of Conduct for Members of the LRT Governance Board.

Report

- Section 13(3) of the LRT Governance Bylaw 15659 states:
 - 13(3) Prior to appointment as a Member, each Applicant must sign an acknowledgement that he or she will abide by the Board's Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Guidelines.
- The conduct of LRT Governance Board Members is not governed by the same standards as elected officials. The Board Members do not swear an Oath of Office, and are not Councillors under the *Municipal Government Act*.
- However, the LRT Governance Board, as a Committee of Council established under the *Municipal Government Act*, is bound by the provisions of the Act, and the Procedures and Committees Bylaw 12300.
- In developing the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Guidelines (Attachment 1), Administration examined codes of other similar governance bodies and developed a Code that would be suitable for this Board.
- The suggested Code is broad enough to capture the variety of conflicts of interest the Members may have, in particular pecuniary interest, but also succinct so as not to be over-complicated.

Policy

Municipal Government Act
LRT Governance Bylaw 15659

Corporate Outcomes

This report is consistent with Council's Conditions of Success (Strategic Plan) in terms of ensuring the Corporation's Organizational Capacity.

Legal Implications

- Council may pass bylaws governing the conduct of members of Council Committees (*Municipal Government Act*, s. 145).
- Section 13(3) of the LRT Governance Board Bylaw requires all members of the Committee to sign the Board's Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Guidelines.
- A municipality has the duties that it imposes on itself as a matter of policy, and the Board's Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Guidelines will be passed as City policy, binding on all individuals who sit on the Committee (*Municipal Government Act*, s. 5).

Justification of Recommendation

The LRT Governance Board Bylaw 15659 requires members of the Board to sign a Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Guidelines before they can be appointed as members.

Attachments

1. City Policy C568, Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Guidelines for LRT Governance Board Members

Others Reviewing this Report

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