

# **Minutes**

## **Closed Session Committee of the Whole**

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June 26, 2025

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### **Call to Order**

The Committee of the Whole met in closed session at 11:13 a.m. on the above date at the County Administration Building in the Valley Room to receive training on the Code of Conduct pursuant to Section 239 (3.1) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

The following members were in attendance: Councillors McQueen, Keaveney, Mackey, Kentner, Greig, McKay, Nielsen, Carleton, Boddy, Eccles, Dickert, Paterson, Pringle, Milne, Dobreen, Hutchinson and Warden Matrosovs. Councillor Hutchinson attended online.

Councillor Bordignon sent his regrets.

The following staff were also in attendance: Randy Scherzer, CAO; Niall Loble, Deputy CAO; Tara Warder, Clerk; Brittany Rier, Deputy Clerk; Kevin McNab, Director of Paramedic Services; Jody MacEachern, Director of Information Technology; Mary Lou Spicer, Director of Finance; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Community Services; Scott Taylor, Director of Planning Services.

### **Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **Training Session - Code of Conduct - Jeffrey Abrams, Principles Integrity**

Jeffrey Abrams, Integrity Commissioner with Principles Integrity attended the session to provide training and education on code of conduct matters.

He described the role of integrity commissioners and the services provided. He noted that there are rules that apply to councillors when it comes to conduct. Further requirements of the integrity commissioner include requirement for maintaining confidentiality and that their advice is binding and can be relied upon.

Information was provided on the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act (MCIA)*, pecuniary interests, and the differences between indirect, direct and deemed interests.

Matters of governance were also reviewed.

Members were encouraged to seek advice on conflicts where it is unclear, noting the benefits in getting advice up front.

Committee of the Whole recessed at 12:04 pm until 12:16 pm. Councillor Greig left the meeting at this time.

He cited circumstances where a member may want to consider removing themselves due to other relationships outside of those cited in the MCIA such as siblings or other family members.

The importance of keeping confidential information confidential was cited. Typically penalties are strong for breaches if members knowingly share confidential information.

Respectful workplace, media communications and Council - Staff relations were cited. Discussion occurred on how new strong mayor powers can complicate this.

A brief overview of proposed Bill 9 was provided, and potential impacts if enacted.

Councillors Boddy, McQueen and Nielsen left the meeting.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Councillors Dobreen and McKay , the closed session adjourned at 2:28 p.m. to the call of the Warden.