




**Special Council Meeting Agenda
Wednesday May 8, 2019
@ 1:00 p.m.**

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) OPENING CEREMONIES**
- 3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- 4) DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
- 5) COUNCIL/STAFF RELATIONS POLICY**
- 6) PROCEDURAL BY-LAW REVIEW**
- 7) CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**
- 8) ADJOURNMENT**

	COUNCIL STAFF RELATIONS POLICY	GOV-05
	CATEGORY: GOVERNANCE	Adopted:

1.0 Policy Statement

The Township of Chatsworth will promote a respectful, tolerant and harassment-free relationship and workplace between members of Council and the officers and employees of the corporation.

2.0 Legislative Authority

Section 270 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as revised by Bill 68 requires Council to adopt and maintain a policy with respect to the relationship between members of Council and the officers and employees of the corporation. The Council-Staff Relations Policy identifies the legislation, policies, procedures and practices that the Municipality complies with in order to promote a respectful relationship between members of Council and the officers and employees of the Township of Chatsworth.

This policy shall apply to all Members of Council, Committee members, Board Members, and Officers and Employees of the Township of Chatsworth.

3.0. Other Guiding Documents Supporting this Policy

The Township of Chatsworth has adopted the following policies which support this Council Staff Relations Policy. These policies shall be adhered to and reviewed with Council and staff on an annual basis:

- Council Code of Conduct – GOV-04
- Personnel Policy – HR 06.08 – Staff/Council Relations
- Personnel Policy – HR 05 – Workplace Violence and Harassment

4.0 Roles and Responsibilities

Members of Council and Staff Shall:

- Demonstrate a commitment to accountability and transparency among Council and staff and with the general public;
- Demonstrate leadership by making sound decisions based on knowledge areas of expertise and sound judgment;
- Demonstrate a high degree of confidentiality;
- Enhance public education about the political process by providing context and process information about decision making;

- Uphold the decisions of Council, regardless of personal opinion or belief, and commit to the implementation of those decisions;
- Refrain from publicly criticizing members of Council or staff; and
- Seek to achieve a team approach in an environment of mutual respect and trust, with acceptance of the different roles in achieving Council's objectives.

4.1 Respect for Time

Priorities and timelines must be respected by all members of Council and staff. It is expected that all participants will be well prepared for meetings and will prioritize appropriately, according to direction given by management or Council. Staff will spend time on significant projects only once direction is given by Council to do so.

It is expected that appointments will be made for meetings between staff members and Council members in order to ensure that all parties are available and prepared for the discussion.

4.2 Role of Members of Council

- Seek to advance the common good of the community which they serve;
- Truly, faithfully and impartially exercise the office to the best of their knowledge and ability;
- Govern and provide political direction;
- Act in a way that enhances public confidence in local government;
- Set strategic objectives and goals for the organization based on consultation with staff and community members;
- Give direction to staff through resolution by Council as a whole;
- Govern the management of the organization through the CAO, recognizing that the CAO is the only employee of Council;
- Respond to concerns from the public and refer concerns to staff members through the mayor and CAO for action – elected officials do not have an administrative managerial role in the day to day business of the organization;
- Adhere to the Code of Conduct for Members of Council and Local Boards Policy (GOV-04) and the oath of office sworn at the inaugural meeting of each term of council; and
- Refrain from behaviour that could constitute an act of disorder or misbehaviour; is an abuse of power or otherwise amounts to discrimination, intimidation, harassment, verbal abuse, or the adverse treatment of others; or prejudices the provision of a service or services to the community.

It Is Expected That Council Members Will:

- Acknowledge that only Council as a whole has the capacity to direct staff members to carry out specific tasks or functions;
- Refrain from using their position to improperly influence members of staff in their duties or functions or to gain an advantage for themselves or others;
- Refrain from publicly criticizing individual members of staff in a way that casts aspersions on their professional competence and credibility;
- Request the CAO's input prior to making important policy decisions;
- Direct questions or concerns regarding departmental activities to the Mayor and/or CAO;
- Discuss issues with the CAO and advise staff of questions that may arise prior to Committee or Council meetings whenever possible;
- Understand that their discussions with staff may be communicated and that a member of Council cannot compel a member of staff to confidentiality;
- Consult with the CAO prior to making commitments to agencies, groups, citizens, or likewise.

4.3 Intergovernmental Communications

The Mayor is the spokesperson for Council regarding communications with other governments or agencies. If a member of Council is interested in formally communicating with another government or agency, they should take their request to the Mayor and/or the CAO through Notice of Motion to Council.

Members of Council should not directly contact any regulatory bodies regarding any regulatory compliance concerns.

Individual members of Council should not be directly involved in any negotiations to secure contracts or agreements on behalf of the Township of Chatsworth, unless direction is given to this effect through resolution by Council as a whole.3.4

4.4 Role of Members of Staff

- Provide timely reports to Council outlining factors that will assist in their decision making process and provide information based upon professional expertise and good judgement, and free from undue influence from any individual member or members of Council;
- Research policy issues as required;
- Implement Council's decisions,
- Manage and identify the means for achieving corporate goals and outcomes;
- Provide appropriate follow-up to Council inquiries and keep members of Council up-to- date and informed, as appropriate – staff do not have a

- political role;
- Refrain from behaviour that could constitute an act of disorder or misbehaviour; is an abuse of power or otherwise amounts to discrimination, intimidation, harassment, verbal abuse, or the adverse treatment of others; or prejudices the provision of a service or services to the community.

It Is Expected That Staff Members Will:

- Ensure the Council members are aware of any issues that may impact upon their decision making process;
- Management will ensure that the CAO is aware of any issues that may impact upon the municipality and of ongoing activities in each department;
- The CAO will ensure that managers are aware of any issues that may impact upon their departments;
- Respond to inquiries from Council members (through the CAO or Mayor) in a timely fashion, when appropriate during business hours with the exception of emergencies.
- Present a professional opinion/recommendation in writing or in person, at Council meetings or Committee meetings.
- Notify Council members of changes to legislation and any unexpected impacts of policy decisions through written material circulated electronically or at a Council or Committee meeting; and
- Through the CAO, convey feedback to Council members who may be unaware of existing policies or staff workload demands, and other related issues
- Refrain from making negative comments, oral or written that reflects poorly on the Township, including members of Council and decisions made by them.

5.0 Respectful Reporting Relationship

The formal relationship between staff and members of Council must be respected to ensure that all members of staff and Council are treated equally. There is a chain of command in place to deal with significant issues, and Council members are encouraged to primarily direct questions and concerns to the Mayor and/or CAO for their consideration. Any request for information from a Council member that is not received and answered at a Committee or Council meeting, shall be received in writing and circulated in writing to all Council members.

6.0 Application of the Policy

In the case of a complaint regarding Violence and Harassment in the Workplace, the process is set out in the Violence and Harassment Workplace Policy, including complaint and investigation process.

In the case of a complaint regarding members of Council and its Local Boards and Committees, the complaint process and complaint form are set out in the Code of Conduct Policy.

In the case of a complaint regarding the Personnel Policy, the process for complaint is set out as Schedule "A" attached hereto.

7.0 Policy Review

The Council Staff Relations Policy (GOV-05) shall be reviewed each term of Council.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATSWORTH

BY-LAW NUMBER 2019-35

BEING a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Township of Chatsworth held on May 8, 2019

Whereas Section 5(1) of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25 as amended, grants powers of a Municipal Corporation to be exercised by its Council; and

Whereas Section 5(3) of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25 as amended, provides that powers of every Council are to be exercised by By-law unless specifically authorized to do otherwise; and

Whereas it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on May 8, 2019 are confirmed and adopted by By-law;

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chatsworth enacts as follows:

1. That the actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chatsworth at its Council Meeting held on May 8, 2019 in respect to each motion and resolution passed, reports received and direction given by the Council at the said meeting is hereby adopted and confirmed.
2. The Mayor and the proper Officials of the Corporation are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action of the Council.

Read a first and second time this 8th day of May 2019

Read a third time and finally passed this 8th day of May 2019

Scott Mackey, Mayor

Patty Sinnamon, CAO Clerk