

## **HAMILTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE CODE OF CONDUCT**

Council has adopted this Code of Conduct for the guidance of Appointees to Advisory Committees and Task Forces providing recommendations to Standing Committees and to assist Appointees in performing their duties in a manner which will promote the public's confidence in these Advisory Committees and Task Forces operating with integrity, transparency and courtesy.

It is recognized that the Code of Conduct cannot anticipate all possible fact situations in which Appointees may be called upon to exercise judgement as to the appropriate standard of conduct. When this occurs, Appointees are to ensure that their decisions maintain the Advisory Committee or Task Force's integrity, transparency and courtesy.

This Code of Conduct does not apply to Members of Council who are subject to the Council Code of Conduct.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in the Advisory Committee or Task Force:

- (1) requesting an apology from the Appointee; and/or
- (2) removing the Appointee from the Advisory Committee or Task Force for a portion or all of their term.

### **1. GOOD CONDUCT**

Appointees shall act with honesty and integrity including:

- acting in a manner that contributes to the public's confidence in the Advisory Committee or Task Force; and
- not engaging in conduct that may, or may appear to, constitute an abuse of their position as an Appointees.

### **2. MEETINGS**

Appointees shall maintain proper control over meetings demonstrating respect for everyone who is involved in a proceeding.

Appointees are expected to attend all meetings of the Advisory Committee or Task Force. If an Appointee misses more than three meetings during their term, the Chair, after hearing and considering any explanation provided by the Appointee, may remove the Appointee from the Advisory Committee or Task Force for the remainder of their term.

### **3. COLLEGIALITY**

Appointees shall respect and co-operate with other Appointees and the Advisory Committee or Task Force staff.

**4. GIFTS OR BENEFITS**

Appointees shall not accept a gift or benefit that may appear as being offered because they are a Appointees.

**5. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

Appointees shall not disclose to any member of the public any confidential information acquired by virtue of their position.

**6. MEDIA COMMUNICATION**

Except for the Chair, who may accurately communicate a recommendation or direction, Appointees shall not comment to the media.

Should the media contact an Appointee directly, the Appointee shall refer the media to the Chair or, in the absence of the Chair, to the Vice Chair.