



INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER REPORT TO COUNCIL

Integrity Commissioner Report to Council: Pre-Election Briefing on Code of Conduct and Related City Policies

Date:	December 5, 2013
To:	City Council
From:	Integrity Commissioner
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

City Council's last meeting before the opening of nominations for the 2014 Municipal Election is on December 17 and 18, 2013. This is an opportune time for members to receive a briefing on the application of the *Code of Conduct* and City policies during an election period.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Integrity Commissioner recommends that City Council

1. Receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The report will have no financial impact.

DECISION HISTORY

Chapter 3 of the *Municipal Code* requires the Integrity Commissioner to provide education to members of Council. The start of the nomination period is a logical place to brief members of Council about the application of the *Code of Conduct* during an election.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The following topics will be reviewed :

1. The Application of the *Code of Conduct* During An Election Year
 - a. Article VII - Election Campaign Work
 - b. Article XII - Conduct Respecting Staff
 - c. Article VI - Use of City Property, Services and Other Resources
2. Lobbying During an Election Year
3. City and Council Policies That Apply During an Election Year:
 - a. Donations to Council Member-Organized Community Events : Limitations during an election year
 - b. Constituency Services and Office Budget Policy
 - c. Use of City Resources During An Election Year
 - d. Employee Participation in Municipal Election Campaigns
 - e. Employees Seeking Election to Political Office

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Attachment:

- Advisory Material and Election Year Policies