



April 6, 2021

12th floor, West Tower, City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Attention: Marilyn Toft

Re: EX22.8 Review of Codes of Conduct for Members of Council, Local Boards and Adjudicative Boards

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of City Council,

This is to express the *strong support* of the Federation of North Toronto Residents Associations (FoNTRA) for the above noted Motion.

There is unquestionably a need for the City to review and update its Codes of Conduct for elected and appointed officials, especially in light of the Collingwood Judicial Inquiry which recommended in November 2020 that municipal codes of conduct across Ontario, and related provincial legislation, be updated to improve transparency in local government. And the Government of Ontario has recently announced consultations, and a private members bill amending the City of Toronto Act, 2006 has been introduced, to specifically address workplace harassment and discrimination committed by members of Council.

While the Motion header indicates the Review will cover Members of Council, Local Boards and Adjudicative Boards, the report appears to have a strong focus on Members of Council. We would recommend that equal attention should be focussed on Codes of Conduct application to Members of Local Boards and Adjudicative Boards also.

Yours truly,

Geoff Kettel
Co-Chair, FoNTRA

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Cc: Jonathan Batty, Integrity Commissioner

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