



Report to Council From the Office of Councillor Zoë Royer

Date: May 6, 2021

Subject: Council Code of Conduct Update – Obligation to Disclose

Purpose

An obligation to disclose is a procedure that is put in place by many organizations as a way for people in a governance position to bring forward important truths in a safe setting, regardless of their personal situation.

I therefore propose to insert a new section into Council's Code of Conduct:

Recommendation

WHEREAS a Member of Council who is in a position of Conflict of Interest may witness circumstances that are detrimental to the interests of either the City or the public;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Member of Council be required to report these circumstances to the body of Council in a closed meeting at the earliest scheduled opportunity as recommended in the report dated May 6, 2021 from the Office of Councillor Zoë Royer regarding Council Code of Conduct Update – Obligation to Disclose;

AND THAT a member in conflict of interest in such a matter be required to declare the conflict, then be requested to explain the situation to Council and answer questions from Council in a closed meeting;

AND THAT the member in conflict be required to leave the meeting after sharing the information and be excluded from deliberating and voting on the matter;

AND THAT the Council Code of Conduct be amended to include the above.
