

38. A Council Member must not discuss or disclose Personal Information of others to any person, except in a manner that complies with the duty to protect Personal Information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
39. A Council Member shall take reasonable care to prevent unauthorized access to Confidential Information or Personal Information by unauthorized persons. If a Council Member learns of unauthorized access to Confidential Information or Personal Information, the Council Member shall report this information to the Chief Administrative Officer as soon as possible.
40. A Council Member shall comply with the directions of the Corporate Officer respecting the use of the City Record System.

#### **Council Members' Use of Social Media**

41. A Council Member shall not publish Confidential Information on social media, unless authorized in accordance with the provisions of section 37 of this Bylaw.
42. A Council Member shall not publish information or an opinion on social media about City Business, unless the publication republishes the information that has been released by the City without alteration or the opinion includes a statement to the effect that the "opinion expressed is my own and does not necessarily reflect the view or opinions of the City of White Rock or other members of White Rock Council". **Proposed Removal**
43. Without limiting any other obligation imposed by this Bylaw, a Council member shall not use or allow the use of their social media account for purposes that include content that:
  - (a) Bullies and Harasses another Council Member, an Advisory Board Member, a Volunteer, Staff or a member of the public;
  - (b) evidences bias or a reasonable apprehension of bias in relation to a matter that is the subject of a statutory or other public hearing;
  - (c) promotes or constitutes illegal activity;
  - (d) may compromise the safety or security of the public.

44. A Council Member shall take steps to remove from their social media account any publication by another person of content that violates this Bylaw.

### **Communication Protocol**

45. Council may appoint the spokesperson on City Business. Once a spokesperson has been appointed, a Council Member that is not appointed as the spokesperson shall ensure that inquiries from the public and media on the City's position are **encouraged to speak** ~~directed~~ to the spokesperson. A Council Member communicating their own opinion shall ensure that the communication clearly indicates that it is the Council Member's own position. Nothing in this section prevents Council from appointing multiple spokespersons or changing the appointed spokesperson. Where no spokesperson has been appointed, the Mayor shall act as the spokesperson.

**Comment from Councillor Klassen:** in regard to being interviewed on television. I assume that stating you are voicing your personal opinion would not be questioned even if they cut that part out of the interview.

### **Interactions with the Public and the Media**

46. A Council Member shall accurately communicate the decisions of the Council, even if they disagree with the majority decision of Council.
47. When discussing the fact that they did not support a decision, or voted against the decision, or that another Council Member did not support a decision or voted against a decision, a Council Member shall refrain from making disparaging comments about other Council Members or about Council's processes and decisions.
48. Nothing in this Bylaw is intended to affect rights under the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.