

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WHITE ROCK
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POLICY TITLE: CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

POLICY NUMBER: COUNCIL - 120

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<i>Originating Department:</i> Corporate Administration	<i>Date last reviewed by the Governance and Legislation Committee:</i> October 7, 2019

Policy:

Committee Member (Members) means an individual that has been appointed by Council to serve on a City Committee.

- a) Members shall conduct themselves at all times with behaviour respectful of their duties and mindful always of the long term results achieved for the benefit and protection of City of White Rock citizens.
- b) Conduct of members in the performance of their duties shall be fair, open, honest and in a professional manner.
- c) Members shall refrain from abusive conduct, personal charges or verbal attacks upon the character or motives of other Committee members, staff, members of the public, members of Council and guests at the meeting
- d) Committee members are entitled to make comments expressing their opinions regarding matters before the committee or Council as long as such statements clearly state they are putting forward personal views and not those of the committee or Council. Committee members should not criticize the conduct of the committee, members of Council or staff who are often assigned as representatives to the City's committees. It is acceptable to publicly disagree about an issue, but it is unacceptable to make derogatory comments about other committee members, staff, members of the public, members of Council, the City of White Rock in general and guests at the meeting with regards to their opinions or actions.

When concern has been raised that a member is not adhering to the above, the Chief Administrative Officer will meet with the committee member and if there is not an expected improvement in behaviour, information will be brought before Council by the Chief Administrative Officer or Director of Corporate Administration, in a closed meeting, and considered.

Council has the authority to remove a member appointment when they determine actions have contravened this policy.

Rationale:

A common goal of members of Council, staff, and members of City committees is to inspire public confidence and trust in local government. Members are ambassadors for the City of White Rock. Due to their affiliation with the City it is important they demonstrate their respect for the City, its residents, those elected to run the city and its staff.