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ETHICAL GUIDELINES OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCIL & STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS	

The proper operation of democratic local government requires that elected officials and appointed members be independent, impartial, and duly responsible to the people.

To this end, it is imperative that:

1. Government decisions and policy be made through the proper channels of government structure.
2. Public office not be used for personal gain.
3. The public has confidence in the integrity of its government.

Accordingly, it is the purpose of these guidelines of conduct to outline certain basic rules for elected local government officials and appointed members so that they may carry out their duties with impartiality and equality of service to all, recognizing that the basic functions of elected officials and appointed members are, at all times, service to their community and the public.

To further these objectives, certain ethical principles should govern the conduct of elected local government officials and appointed members in order that they shall maintain the highest standards of conduct in public office and faithfully discharge the duties of office without fear or favour.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF NORTH BATTLEFORD SHALL:

1. Govern their conduct in accordance with the requirements and obligations set out in municipal legislation of the Province of Saskatchewan.
2. Not use confidential information for the personal profit of themselves or any other person.
3. Not communicate confidential information to anyone not entitled to receive the same.
4. Not use their position to secure special privileges, favours, or exemptions for themselves or any other person.
5. Avoid any situation that could cause anyone to believe that they may have brought bias or partiality to a question before the Council or Standing Committee.
6. For a period of twelve (12) months after leaving office, abide by the ethical standards of conduct listed above, except those related to confidential information which shall apply in perpetuity.

Elected local government officials and appointed members shall not assume that any unethical activities not covered by or specifically prohibited by these ethical guidelines of conduct, or by any legislation, are therefore condoned.

Members of this Council and of the Standing Committees agree to uphold the intent of these guidelines and to govern their actions accordingly.