

Appendix B – Timeline for Development of the Code Bylaw

**Note: All Closed Council Meeting resolutions are attached in Appendix C to this report.*

March 6, 2023 – Governance and Ethics Standing Committee (GAESC) Meeting

- Staff provided an overview of what a Code of Conduct is and outlined the next steps for development of the Code Bylaw.
- **That** the GAESC direct staff to seek Council approval to review the Code of Conduct; and
- **That** the GAESC endorse the proposed timeline for revision of the Code of Conduct (subject to Council's approval of review).

April 3, 2023 – Regular Council Meeting: Administrative Report No. 23-040, Code of Conduct Review

- **That** Council direct staff to work with the Governance and Ethics Standing Committee to review the Code of Conduct, as attached to Administrative Report 23-040 as Appendix A: Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Guidelines for Councillors of *Council Policy A-21: Council Governance Manual*.

April 17, 2023 – GAESC Meeting

- Staff led a workshop on five key topics: value statements, standards and values, scope, conduct of members and ethics commissioner/investigator.
- **That** the Committee direct staff to proceed in the direction as set out in the exercises from this meeting.

May 30, 2023 – Special Closed Council Meeting

- Council passed resolutions directing staff to draft the Code Bylaw based on answers to questions posed by Reece Harding, Partner at Young, Anderson

June 12, 2023 – GAESC Meeting

- Staff presented a timeline for drafting and GAESC review of the Code Bylaw.
- The following recommendation from staff was put forward to the Committee but it was **not** considered:
“That the Governance and Ethics Standing Committee direct staff to continue work on the Code of Conduct as set out in the Next Steps slide attached as Agenda Item 4.3 -- Appendix A to this Committee meeting package of June 12, 2023”.

June 20, 2023 – Closed Council Meeting

- Council passed a resolution to reconsider the resolutions adopted at the May 30, 2023 Special Closed Council Meeting.

June 27, 2023 – Special Closed Council Meeting

- Council passed resolutions with respect to the original questions posed at the May 30, 2023 Special Closed Council Meeting.
- Council passed a resolution to defer the consideration of the Scope of Substantive Provisions and Disqualification Proceedings question.

July 18, 2023 – Closed Council Meeting

- Council passed a resolution with respect to the Scope of Substantive Provisions.
- Council passed a resolution to bring forward all Council resolutions from the Closed Council Meetings on the Code Bylaw.

November 21, 2023 – Regular Council Meeting: Administrative Report No. 23-118, Code of Conduct Bylaw and Related Respectful Conduct Policies

- **That** Council direct staff to refer the Code of Conduct Bylaw and all ancillary policies, bylaws and procedures to the Governance and Ethics Standing Committee for further review and then return to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting for full council input.

January 8, 2024 – GAESC Meeting

- **That** the Governance and Ethics Standing Committee recommend that staff bring forward Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 2397, 2023 (Option A) to the future Committee of the Whole meeting for input from all Council.

February 6, 2024 – Committee of the Whole: Committee of the Whole, Materials Related to Agenda Item 6.2 – Code of Conduct Bylaw

- **That** the Committee of the Whole direct staff to bring the Code of Conduct Bylaw to a Regular Council Meeting for consideration of first three readings including amendments based on feedback received at the February 6, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

April 9, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting: Administrative Report No. 24-039, Code of Conduct Guidelines – Direction to Proceed

- **That** Council direct staff to bring “Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 2397, 2023”, attached as Appendix A to Administrative Report No. 24-039, for consideration of first three readings at a future Regular Council Meeting, as amended to:
 - Delete section 20 [Interactions with Staff] and add a new section to focus on Council members’ exercise of good judgement when interacting with staff;
 - Add two new sections to the Informal Resolution section (sections 62 to 67) to allow the investigator to refer the informal resolution process to the Mayor or CAO;
 - Amend section 74 [Adjudication and Reporting] such that, in the case of a determination by the investigator that a Council member did not violate the New Code, the investigation report, or a summary, would only be made publicly available subject to that Council member’s approval;
 - Add a new section after section 14 [Application], add a new section [Complaint Outside of Jurisdiction], amend section 51 [Complaint Procedure], amend section 56 [Preliminary Assessment], delete sections 58 and 59 [Criminal Conduct], and delete sections 60 and 61 [Disqualification Proceedings] to align with the City of Vancouver’s process for dismissing complaints;

- Replace section 17 [General Conduct] with a general conduct section that does not include harassment and amend section 26. b) [Interactions with the Public and Media] to remove the references to discrimination and harassment; and
- Amend section 89 [Reimbursement] to remove the \$10,000 claim limit.