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Council resolved:

That the following Code of Ethics and Conduct for Councillors, as prepared by the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties, be approved:

1. A councillor believes in the dignity and worth of the services rendered by local government. He/she also has a deep sense of his/her own social responsibility as a public trustee and is confident that he/she can serve to the advantage of the municipality.
2. A councillor recognizes that the chief function of local government at all times is to serve the best interests of all the people in the municipality.
3. As an elected official, a municipal councillor has a responsibility to carry out his/her duties to the best of his/her ability and to be accountable for his/her decisions and actions.
4. A councillor is governed by the highest ideals of honour and integrity in all his/her public and personal relationships.
5. The decisions that a councillor makes will be based on the proper best interest of the municipality, without consideration of personal gain. He/she believes that personal glorification or profit secured through the misuses of his/her position or through misuse of public time is dishonest and therefore unacceptable.
6. A councillor recognizes that the decision-making authority for the municipality lies with the council, not an individual councillor. Within council, a councillor will make his/her position known, and will listen to and respect those whose opinions differ from his/her own. Further, councillors recognize that once a majority decision has been reached, it becomes council's decision.
7. A councillor will not violate the public trust by discussing matters of municipal concern in an appropriate place, or in an unsuitable manner.
8. A councillor recognizes the importance of cooperation, and endeavours to earn the respect and confidence of the public, the administrative staff, as well as his/her colleagues.

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9. A councillor strives to create an atmosphere within council conducive to solving the many problems that they will be required to address. He/she is willing to work as part of a team; to contribute constructively; to compromise when necessary; and to share the knowledge of his/her experience with new councillors.