
Council Boards and Committees Introduction

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
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Why Have Them

- Provide recommendations and advice to council specific to the purpose of the committee
- Facilitate public input
- Assist in enhancing the quality of life of the community in keeping with strategic principles

Types of Committees

- Standing Committees - Council
- Ad hoc Committees – Council and/or Council/Citizens
- Public or Citizen Committees – ad hoc, advisory
- Community Councils
- Quasi-Judicial
- Joint Municipal Boards or Committees

For Citizen Committees



- Council members are appointed
- South Huron has a recruitment process for public members of Citizen Committees
- South Huron Committees are supported by Terms of Reference and are subject to by-law 79-2015

Municipal Act Changes Specific to Council Boards and Committees



- Bill 68, Modernizing Municipal Legislation
- Section 223.2 – Council Code of Conduct
- Section 223.3 (1) – Integrity Commissioner

Council Code of Conduct Effective March 1, 2019



- Bill 68 requires that all municipalities shall have a code of conduct in place for its council and advisory committees and local boards with prescribed content regulated.
- Amendments in Bill 68 requires a municipality to establish codes of conduct for all local boards.

Integrity Commissioner Effective March 1, 2019



- With the introduction of Bill 68, municipalities will be required to appoint an IC or be required to make arrangements for the functions to be performed on a retainer basis or by an integrity commissioner of another municipality.
- The role of the IC has been expanded to include an increased scope of powers.

Expanded Powers of IC



The application of the code of conduct for members of council and the code of conduct for members of local boards.

The application of any procedures, rules and policies of the municipality and local boards governing the ethical behaviour of members of council and of local boards.

The application of sections 5, 5.1 and 5.2 of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act to members of council and of local boards.

Expanded Powers of IC



Requests from members of council and of local boards for advice respecting their obligations under the code of conduct applicable to the member

Requests from members of council and of local boards for advice respecting their obligations under a procedure, rule or policy of the municipality or of the local board, as the case may be, governing the ethical behaviour of members.

Requests from members of council and of local boards for advice respecting their obligations under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

The provision of educational information to members of council, members of local boards, the municipality and the public about the municipality's codes of conduct for members of council and members of local boards and about the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. 2017, c. 10, sched. 1, s. 19 (1).

Challenges

- There is no real difference in accountability between citizen volunteers and council
- Recruitment
- Training
- Support

Future Directions?

- Standing Committees
- Collapsing Committees
- Collaborations
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Autonomous Board or Committees

External Committees

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Next Steps



Recommendations to council for external committees

Establish a COW to for further discussion on council committees