



## **The Corporation of the County of Essex**

### **By-Law Number 2023-48**

#### **A By-law to adopt a new Code of Conduct for Members of Essex County Council and Members of its Local Boards.**

**Whereas** Section 11 of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, authorizes municipalities to pass by-laws regarding accountability and transparency of the municipality and its operations and of its local boards and their operations;

**And whereas** Section 223.2(1) of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c 25, requires municipalities to establish Codes of Conduct for members of Council of the municipality and of local boards of the municipality;

**And whereas** an Integrity Commissioner was appointed by By-Law No. 2023-43 for the purposes of providing an advisory service, to help councillors, local board members and staff who seek advice before they act and to provide investigative or enforcement services to examine conduct alleged to be an ethical breach;

**And whereas** a review of the Code of Conduct for members of Essex County Council and local boards was undertaken by the Integrity Commissioner including a complaint process;

**Now therefore** Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex hereby enacts as follows:

- 1) That the Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex does hereby adopt the new Code of Conduct for Essex County Council members and members of local boards, attached hereto as Appendix A; and
- 2) That the Integrity Commissioner and/or the Clerk be authorized to make minor amendments to Appendix A as may be appropriate from time to time.

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- 3) That By-law 2019-06 be hereby repealed and that By-law 2023-48 shall take precedence over any other by-law deemed to be inconsistent with same.
- 4) This By-law shall be given three readings and shall come into force and take effect after the final passing thereof.

**Read a first, second and third time and Finally Passed this Eighteenth day of October, 2023.**

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Hilda MacDonald, Warden

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Mary S. Birch, Clerk

### **Clerk's Certificate**

I, Mary S. Birch, Clerk of the Corporation of the County of Essex, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy, of **By-law Number 2023-48** passed by the Council of the said Corporation on this **Eighteenth day of October, 2023.**

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Mary S. Birch, Clerk  
Corporation of the County of Essex