

CODE OF ETHICS BYLAW

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF DOUGLAS NO. 436

BYLAW NO. 2016-07

Short Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the Code of Ethics Bylaw.

Legal Requirement

2. This bylaw has been created to comply with section 93.1 of *The Municipalities Act 2010* and as outlined in section 3.1, Schedule 1, of *The Municipalities Regulations*.

PART I CODE OF ETHICS

Code of Ethics for Members of Council

Preamble

As members of council, we recognize that our actions have an impact on the lives of all residents and property owners in the community. Fulfilling our obligations and discharging our duties responsibly requires a commitment to the highest ethical standards.

The quality of the public administration and governance of the R.M. of Douglas No. 436, as well as its reputation and integrity, depends on our conduct as elected officials.

Purpose and Interpretation

The purpose of this code is to outline basic ethical standards and values for members of council. It is to be used to guide members of council respecting what their obligations are when fulfilling their duties and responsibilities as elected officials.

This code is to be interpreted in accordance with the legislation applicable to the municipality, the common law and the policies and bylaws of the municipality.

Neither the law nor this code is to be interpreted as exhaustive, and there will be occasions on which a council will find it necessary to adopt additional rules of conduct in order to protect the public interest and to enhance the public confidence and trust in local government.

It is the responsibility of each member of council to uphold the standards and values set out in this code.

Standards and Values

a. Honesty

Members of council shall be truthful and open in their roles as council members and as members of the communities they serve.

b. Objectivity

Members of council shall make decisions carefully, fairly and impartially.