

The Corporation of the Town of Deep River

**By-law No. 24-2007**

A By-law to ensure accountability and transparency for Council  
and staff of the Town of Deep River

**WHEREAS** under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, C. 25, provides that municipalities require policies to ensure accountability and transparency for the council and staff of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Deep River;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Deep River enacts as follows:

1. Definitions:

**Accountability** is how Council and staff are held to account for their actions and how actions are explained and justified in terms of appropriate criteria and in sufficient detail.

**Transparency** is the ability of outside parties to observe how decisions are made and implemented.

2. Council and staff will promote accountable and transparent municipal governance guided by the following principles:

- Decision-making will be open and transparent
- Municipal operations will be conducted in an ethical and accountable manner.
- Financial resources and physical infrastructure will be managed in an efficient and effective manner
- Municipal information will be accessible so that it is consistent with legislative requirements
- Inquiries, concerns and complaints will be responded to in a timely manner
- Financial oversight, service standards and performance reporting and all other accountability documents will be made available and accessible, in language that the public can understand, to increase the opportunity for public involvement in municipal operations
- Every new delegation of power or authority will have a corresponding accountability

3. The Town of Deep River will try to ensure that it is accountable and transparent to the public in some of the following ways:

- Minutes
- FOI Processes - MFIPPA
- Annual Financial Statement Publication

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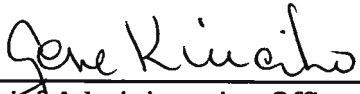
- Periodic Financial Report
- Closed Meeting Investigator
- Hold meetings open to the public;
- Provide advance publication of Agendas and Reports;
- Declaration of pecuniary interest is considered at all meetings;
- Abide by the Procedural By-law to Govern the Proceedings of the Council
- Council adopted policies

This By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the passing thereof.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2007.

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 9th DAY OF JANUARY, 2008.

  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk