

## Orientation Manual

Brampton Women's Advisory Committee Council 2022-2026







Date: October 9, 2024

**To:** Brampton Women's Advisory Committee Members

From: Charlotte Gravlev, Deputy City Clerk

Re: General Information – Committee Appointment

Congratulations on your appointment as a member of the Brampton Women's Advisory Committee for the term ending November 14, 2026, or until a successor is appointed.

The purpose of this memo is to provide you with additional details regarding your appointment.

#### **Committee Meetings**

#### <u>Attendance</u>

- Attendance at meetings is important so that Brampton Women's Advisory Committee business is completed.
- If you are unable to attend, need to leave early or expect to arrive late, you are requested to notify the Legislative Coordinator, as soon as you know your schedule. This assists staff to determine if quorum will be achieved and maintained and provides the opportunity to contact the other committee members, if necessary, to confirm their attendance.
- If it is realized prior to the meeting that the committee will not have quorum, the Chair will be advised and the meeting may be cancelled.
- If quorum is not achieved within ½ hour after the scheduled start time, the meeting will be deemed as "failed for quorum" and the names of members who are in attendance will be recorded and the meeting will not proceed.
- As outlined in the Procedure By-law, if citizen members are absent for three
  consecutive meetings, without cause, or approval from Council, the
  member will be deemed to have resigned and the vacancy will be filled in
  accordance with the Citizen Appointment Procedures.

#### Meeting Procedures

- The appointment of the Co-Chairs is scheduled for the first meeting of the "new" committee.
- The "Procedure By-law at a Glance" handout assists the members regarding Council-approved procedures for all meetings.
- The Legislative Coordinator is present at the meetings to record the proceedings and to assist the Chair to ensure that procedures are followed properly.

All Brampton Women's Advisory Committee member appointments are for the term ending November 14, 2026 or until successors are appointed. If necessary, this Committee may continue with normal business after the next municipal election in 2026, until the new Council at that time appoints a new committee.

<u>Meeting agendas and minutes</u> are available on the City's website for your reference, at your convenience. Some meeting materials may be available in alternate formats. If you require such materials, please advise staff.

This Orientation e-Manual includes reference material as you begin your duties. Also, please be assured that City staff is available to assist you.

I wish you an enjoyable and fulfilling experience on the Brampton Women's Advisory Committee. If you have any questions, please contact myself or Chandra Urquhart, Legislative Coordinator, at <a href="mailto:chandra.urquhart@brampton.ca">chandra.urquhart@brampton.ca</a> or (905) 874-2130.

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#### Appendix 1

#### **Brampton Women's Advisory Committee (BWAC)**

#### **Terms of Reference**

#### 1. Purpose

As directed by Council (C068-2023 / CW099-2023), the Women's Advisory Committee (BWAC) will support the City of Brampton's commitment to creating ion of a gender-inclusive municipality and fostering meaningful participation of women across the organization BWAC aims to raise awareness, advise, and stimulate action to serve as a resource to Council on matters pertaining to women in the City of Brampton, and will consider the unique socioeconomic, political, and cultural barriers that women may face because of public policy mandates.

#### 2. Mandate

The BWAC will be guided by the following principles:

- a. The full participation of all women in civic and community affairs by ensuring that City policies, programs, and services do not impose barriers to such participation;
- b. Increased civic and community awareness regarding women within the Brampton by promoting effective communication;
- c. Confronting barriers facing women;
- d. Promotion of equitable opportunity for the women of Brampton to voice their views by monitoring the effectiveness of the City policies, programs, and services.

The BWAC will provide advice and recommendations to Council on:

- a. Gender equity matters related to policies, priorities, and decisions, using a gender-equity lens:
- b. Mechanisms to engage and empower women to fully participate in the political process at the municipal level;
- c. Mechanisms to promote community leadership development for women in the municipality;
- d. Women's gender-based issues, including the use of Gender-Based Analysis Plus;
- e. Strategies designed to achieve the objectives of the BWAC; and
- f. Planning for International Women's Day programs and events by the City of Brampton.

Further, the BWAC shall advise business units, through the Chief Administrative Officer, in responding to gender-based issues and concerns of women when requested to do so by the Chief Administrative Officer.

#### 3. Composition

The BWAC shall be comprised of at least 10 and no more than twelve (12) members, including:

a. A minimum of two (2) members of Council.

- b. A maximum of 10 citizen members that self-identifies as women from different Equity Deserving Groups.
- c. Live or operate a business/organization in Brampton.

The members of the BWAC shall select a Chair and Vice-chair.

#### 4. Terms Of Office

Appointments to the BWAC will be concurrent with the term of Council, ending November 14, 2026, or until successors are appointed.

#### 5. Established by

Council Resolution C068-2023 (CW099-2023)

#### 6. Meetings

Meetings will be scheduled on a quarterly basis, or at the call of the Chair and in conjunction with staff in the City Clerk's Office.

#### 7. Reporting Structure

The BWAC reports to Committee of Council.

#### 8. Support

Meeting management support and citizen appointments for the BWAC will be supported by the City Clerk's Office, in accordance with Council's Procedure Bylaw and Citizen-based Advisory Committee Procedure.

Subject matter, administrative, and strategic support to the BWAC will be provided by the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Office of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion.

#### 9. Non-Council Member Requirements, Qualifications and Commitment

Citizen members recommended for appointment to the BWAC must possess the following:

- a. Relationships with the Brampton community;
- b. Demonstrated interest or experience in dealing with women's issues;
- c. Proven organizational skills;
- d. Broad volunteer experience;
- e. Ability to regularly attend scheduled meetings;
- f. Ability to regularly contribute to activities and projects outside of BWAC meetings;
- g. Ability to be involved in activities and events during evenings or weekends; and
- h. Ability to remain respectful and professional in all meetings and activities,

and must meet some of the following criteria:

- a. Governance, communication and negotiation skills and experience;
- b. Connection to championing issues surrounding women's empowerment;
- c. Leadership, advocacy and community organization skills and experience;

- d. Commitment to mentoring and empowering; and
- e. Experience working or advocating within the business, education and/or social sectors.
- f. Involvement in, or demonstrated interest or experience relevant to, City of Brampton programs relating to women, including City initiatives such as Action to End Gender-based violence, Women in Health, Women in Sports, Women in Arts, GBA+ training, women empowerment etc.

All members must take GBA+ training prior to sitting on the BWAC.

#### 10. Renumeration

- 1. Membership is voluntary (members will not be remunerated).
- 2. Reimbursed for any necessary expenses incurred.
- 3. Mileage will be paid in accordance with the City of Brampton corporate rate when members are required to travel on BWAC business.

#### 11. Conflict Of Interest

At the beginning of each meeting, members will be asked if they have any declarations of interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*. If any such conflicts are declared, actual or perceived, the member(s) will not participate in voting related to the item and may be asked to leave the meeting for any related debate and discussion.

#### 12. Dates of Approval, Review & Revision

The Terms of Reference should be reviewed every four years, in tandem with the term of Council, or as needed. Changes to the Terms of Reference shall be prepared by staff in the Office of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, reviewed by the Committee where possible, and approved by City Council.



## Report Staff Report The Corporation of the City of Brampton 9/11/2024

**Date:** 2024-08-22

Subject: Appointments to the Brampton Women's Advisory Committee

**Contact:** Charlotte Gravlev, Deputy City Clerk, Legislative Services

**Report number:** Legislative Services-2024-687

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That the report from Charlotte Gravlev, Deputy City Clerk, Legislative Services to the Council Meeting of September 11, 2024, re: **Appointments to the Brampton Women's Advisory Committee**, be received; and

- 2. That the list of candidates recommended for appointment by the members of Council currently appointed to the Committee, Councillors Brar and Santos; provided as confidential Appendix 1 to this report, be received; and
- 3. That the individuals identified in confidential Appendix 1 be appointed to the Brampton Women's Advisory Committee, upon confirmation of acceptance of the appointment, effective for the 2022-2026 term of Council ending November 14, 2026 or until a successor is appointed; and
- 4. That the names of the appointees be made public upon the passing of this resolution.

#### **OVERVIEW:**

- At its meeting held on February 28, 2024 Council approved Resolution CW062-2024, which served to create a new advisory committee of Council titled the Brampton Women's Advisory Committee.
- Recruitment for citizen members to serve on the Committee has been undertaken and concluded.
- Councillors Brar and Santos have considered all applications and have provided their recommendations for appointments.
- Council is now requested to consider, endorse and approved the citizen membership for the BWAC.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

At its meeting held on February 28, 2024 Council approved the following resolution, which served to create a new advisory committee of Council titled the Brampton Women's Advisory Committee (BWAC):

#### "CW062-2024

- 1. That the report from Vincent Rodo, Director, Organizational Performance and Equity Diversity and Inclusion, Corporate Support Services, to the Committee of Council Meeting of February 21, 2024, re: Women's Advisory Committee (RM 61/2022), be received;
- 2. That the draft Terms of Reference to establish the Women's Advisory Committee (Appendix 1) be approved;
- 3. That Councillor Navjit Kaur Brar and Councillor Rowena Santos be appointed to the Women's Advisory Committee;
- 4. That the Women's Advisory Committee be deemed constituted for an expeditious inaugural meeting; and
- 5. That a subcommittee consisting of the Councillors appointed to the Women's Advisory Committee be tasked with reviewing citizen applicants to the Committee, and to make recommendation to Council with respect to appointments to the inaugural Brampton Women's Advisory Committee."

The governing Terms of Reference for the committee, also approved on February 28, 2024, is attached to this report for information as Appendix 2.

As directed by Council, the City Clerk's Office posted notice (see Appendix 3 attached) of the committee vacancies on March 7<sup>th,</sup> and by the closing date of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 49 applications from interested individuals had been received.

Councillors Brar and Santos then carefully considered all candidates and have provided their recommended applicants for appointment by Council, which is confidential Appendix 1 to this report, included within the closed session agenda.

#### **CURRENT SITUATION:**

Council is now requested to consider the list of recommended candidates for appointment, by way of consideration of confidential Appendix 1, and approval of the recommendations of this report.

Should appointments be made today, those individuals, along with the Councillors previously appointed to the Committee will proceed to undertake the inaugural meeting of the Brampton Women's Advisory Committee, which is scheduled to be held on Wednesday October 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Brampton Council Chamber.

A Committee Orientation and Election of a Committee Chair and Vice-Chair will be items listed on the meeting agenda, among others, which will be posted on or before Friday, October 4th.

#### **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no direct financial, legal, purchasing, or communication related implications from this report and recommendations.

#### STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA:

This report aligns with and supports the strategic focus area of **Government & Leadership**: Focusing on service excellence (and decision-making) with equity, innovation, efficiency, effectiveness, accountability, and transparency.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

The recommendations of this report seek to complete the membership of the newly constituted Brampton Women's Advisory Committee, to enable it to meet for the first time as scheduled on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and to provide valuable advice and insights to Council for the remainder of this term of Council.

| Authored by:   | Reviewed by:  |
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| Charlotte Gravlev Deputy City Clerk Legislative Services | Genevieve Scharback City Clerk Legislative Services |
| Approved by:   | Approved by:  |
| Laura Johnston Commissioner,                             | Marlon Kalideen Chief Administrative Officer        |

#### Attachments:

- Appendix 1 Confidential List of Applicants Recommended for Appointment (see closed session agenda)
- Appendix 2 Brampton Women's Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
- Appendix 3 Public Notice, dated March 7, 2024

## Brampton Women's Advisory Committee Membership List – 2022-2026

#### **Members**

Simrat Atwal

Lindsay Branton

Nadia Chandra

Kritika Chopra

Simran Dosanjh

Kathleen Douglass

Eraj Waqar

Angel Massey-Singh

Marjorie R. Taylor

Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon

#### **Member of Council**

Regional Councillor Rowena Santos – Wards 1 and 5

Regional Councillor Navjit Kaur Brar - Wards 2 and 6

#### **Lead Staff**

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#### **Clerks Office Support Staff**

Richa Ajitkumar, Legislative Coordinator

Chandra Urquhart, Legislative Coordinator



### **Schedule of Meetings**

Meetings are scheduled to commence at <u>7:00 p.m.</u> and will be held in-person in the Council Chambers - 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall, with an option to participate virtually *(unless otherwise noted on the agenda)* 

| Meeting Dates    |
|------------------|
| October 9, 20024 |
| January 16, 2025 |
| April 17, 2025   |
| July 17, 2025    |
| October 16, 2025 |

If you are unable to attend a meeting, please contact Chandra Urquhart, Legislative Coordinator, at <a href="mailto:chandra.urquhart@brampton.ca">chandra.urquhart@brampton.ca</a> at your earliest convenience.



# Brampton Women's Advisory Committee Orientation

**October 9, 2024** 



## **Overview**

- 1. Committee Process and Meetings
- 2. Role of Committee Members



- Established by Council Resolution C168-2024 through adoption of Committee terms of reference.
- 2022-2026 term Committee Members appointed September
   11, 2024 by Council Resolution C168-2024, until November
   14, 2026 or until successors are appointed.



### Membership

10 citizen members:

Simrat Atwal

Lindsay Branton

Nadia Chandra

Kritika Chopra

Simran Dosanjh

Kathleen Douglass

Eraj Waqar

Angel Massey-Singh

Marjorie R. Taylor

Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon

2 Councillors:

Regional Councillor Rowena Santos – Wards 1 and 5

Regional Councillor Navjit Kaur Brar - Wards 2 and 6



#### **Attendance and Quorum**

- Quorum = 6 citizen members majority of 10 citizen members
- If absent for three consecutive meetings position may be declared vacant, an alternate member may be appointed
- Please contact Richa Ajitkumar if unable to attend a meeting

### Meeting dates and location

- Quarterly (Thursday at 7:00 p.m.)
- Meetings held at City Hall 4<sup>th</sup> floor Council Chambers, with option to participate virtually



### **Purpose**

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<sup>\*</sup> As directed by Council (C068-2023 / CW099-2023)



### Responsibility

The Committee shall act as the City's liaison/forum on matters pertaining to women in the City of Brampton and provide advice and recommendations to Council.

### Scope

- Serves an advisory, consultative role
- Does not have decision making authority, may make recommendations to City Council through Committee of Council



## Meeting Procedures, and Minutes



### **Meeting Procedures**

Council <u>Procedure By-law 160-2004</u>, as amended

### **Agendas**

- digitally published Thursday before scheduled meeting date
- available on City <u>website</u>
- meeting information available in alternate formats, upon request

#### **Minutes**

- Committee recommendations/proceedings recorded in Committee Minutes
- Minutes presented to Committee of Council for approval
  - Committee of Council Minutes approved by Council



## **Agenda Sections**

## Committee Agenda:

- 1. Approval of the Agenda
- 2. Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest
- 3. Previous Minutes
- 4. Delegations/Presentations
- 5. Reports/Updates
- 6. Sub-Committees
- 7. Other/New Business
- 8. Correspondence
- 9. Question Period
- 10. Public Question Period
- 11. Adjournment





## **Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

- The Act applies where a direct or indirect pecuniary (financial benefit) relationship may exist for a member as a result of a matter before the Committee
  - "relationship" includes parent, spouse, child

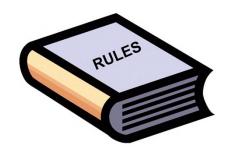


## **Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

- The member must declare a conflict of interest at the beginning of the meeting and excuse themselves from the proceedings and involvement in the decision
- Declaring a conflict is up to the individual member
- Declaration to be in writing
- Can seek advice regarding conflict of interest from Integrity
   Commissioner



## Rules of Debate and Decision-Making

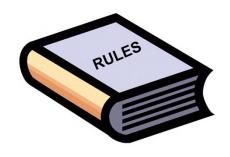


### Considering an agenda item:

- Chair calls the item
- May be introduction of item by Chair, member, staff
- Committee considers the item
  - May ask questions of staff/proponent
  - May speak in favor/against the item/issue/proposal
  - Speaking and debate must be relevant to item under consideration



## Rules of Debate and Decision-Making



### Making a decision

- Consensus-based decision-making
- Committee member introduces a motion to do something
  - Verbal or in writing
  - Does not require a seconder
  - Motion debated and may be amended, referred, deferred
  - After debate, Chair puts motion to a vote
  - Majority vote to pass motion (does not carry on tie vote)



## **City By-laws and Policy**

- Procedure By-law
- Code of Conduct
- Lobbyist Registry



## **Role of Committee Members**

- Be familiar with Committee responsibilities
- Review agenda materials
- Attend meetings
- Listen to presentations and debate; be respectful of everyone
- Contribute to discussions, ask questions for clarification
- Work on sub-committees, participate at Committee events



## **Role of Committee Members**

- Avoid emotional attachment
- If delegating to a Council or other Committee qualify your role (interested citizen or authorized Committee representative)
- Support Committee decisions
- Avoid criticizing Council decisions
- Refer media inquiries to Chair or City staff
- Remember staff is available to help
- Enjoy the experience!



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**Questions?** 

#### **Committee Contact:**

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| Procedure By-law - At a Glance For Council Committees and Citizen Advisory Committees |   |
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| Additions to an Agenda  | Additions to the agenda for a Committee meeting are permitted by a two-thirds majority vote.  |
| Amendments  | If an amendment is not contrary, it is voted on before the main motion. The last amendment made is voted on first.  |
| Attendance  | If any member of a Committee fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of that Committee without authorization by Council resolution, that citizen's membership on the Committee is terminated and Council will appoint a new person to fill the vacancy.  |
| Call the Question   | The vote will be taken after any member who has not already spoken and wishes to, has spoken. If a member speaks to the motion, he/she may not then immediately call the question.  |
| Chair Not Present   | If the Committee Chair does not attend within 15 minutes of the meeting start time, the Co-Chair, Vice-Chair, or other member, will assume the Chair for the meeting, until the arrival of the Chair.   |
| Conflict of Interest  | A member is required to declare a conflict of interest prior to any consideration of the matter and to disclose the general nature of the conflict. The conflict must relate to a direct or indirect pecuniary interest, eg. positive or negative financial interest, affecting the member or the member's spouse, child or parent. The member shall not participate in the discussion, vote on any motion regarding the matter, or attempt in any way to influence the voting before, during or after the meeting. Please refer to the <i>Municipal Conflict of Interest Act</i> . |
| Defer (to a<br>Future Meeting)  | To postpone consideration of a matter to a future meeting, the vote on a deferral is taken immediately, that is, there is no discussion or debate on the motion to defer.   |
| Delegations   | A delegation is limited to speaking for a maximum of five minutes, unless an extension is agreed upon. If the subject of the delegation is not a matter on the agenda, it will be received without comment and referred to staff for a report, unless there is a majority vote to simply receive the delegation. Delegation requests are directed by the City Clerk's Office to the appropriate Committee.  |
| Interrupt a Speaker   | A member is prohibited from interrupting a speaker except on a point of order or point of privilege.  |
| Last Speaker<br>to a Motion   | The mover has the right to be the last speaker unless the question is called and then those rules apply (see above).  |
| Minutes   | The minutes of each Committee meeting will be presented at the next regular meeting of the appropriate Standing Committee or Council for approval of the recommendations and receipt of the minutes. The Standing Committee or Council may debate and amend any matter contained within the Committee minutes.  |

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| Order of Speakers  | The order of speakers is as announced by the Chair. Only a speaker may make a motion.   |
| Point of Order   | A point of order may be raised at any time, eg. for a breach of the rules.  |
| Point of Privilege   | A point of privilege may be raised at any time, eg. for a challenge to the Council's or member's integrity, statements naming a member, rights / privileges of Council, eg. incorrect minutes, conduct of staff/visitors, comfort of members, eg. noise, heat.  |
|  | A member of the public in attendance may ask a question regarding any decision made at a meeting. A maximum of 15 minutes is allowed for all public questions.  |
| * Quorum *   | A majority of Committee members is required to be present and seated in order to constitute a quorum, unless a Committee terms of reference specify different quorum provisions. If a quorum is not achieved within 30 minutes of the meeting start time, the Legislative Co-ordinator will record the name of the members present and the meeting will not be called to order. If quorum is lost during a meeting, the meeting is recessed and will reconvene when quorum is regained. If quorum is not regained within 30 minutes, the Legislative Co-ordinator will record in the minutes the names of those present and the meeting will end without formal adjournment. The items that were not considered will be placed on the agenda of the next meeting. |
| Recorded Vote  | Any Committee member may request a recorded vote at a Committee meeting.  |
| Recount Vote   | A recount may be requested only immediately after the declaration of the vote by the Chair.   |
| Refer (to a Committee<br>or Person Named<br>in the Motion) | A motion to refer will send or direct a matter to another Committee, staff or official named in the motion, for further work or consideration. This motion is debatable, but only the merits of the referral, not the subject. In order to continue to discuss the subject, the motion to refer must be defeated.   |
|  | To discuss a matter already voted on at a meeting, a two-thirds majority is required to reopen the question. To discuss a matter from a previous meeting, a two-thirds majority is required by Council Resolution. If a motion to reopen is lost, it cannot be raised again during the current term of Council.   |
| Speaking – Number of<br>Times a Member<br>may Speak        | A Committee member may speak initially for five minutes. He/she may not speak again until everyone else who wants to, has spoken. A member may then speak a second time for five minutes. There is no restriction on the number of times a member may speak.  |

The above are selected extracts from <u>Procedure By-law 160-2004</u>, as amended. For further information, please refer to the Procedure By-law and/or contact the City Clerk's Office.

#### **Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

#### R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER M.50

Consolidation Period: From November 23, 2022 to the e-Laws currency date.

Last amendment: 2022, c. 18, Sched. 3.

Legislative History: 1994, c. 23, s. 2; 1996, c. 32, s. 76; 1997, c. 25, Sched. E, s. 7; 1997, c. 31, s. 156; 1999, c. 6, s. 41; 2002, c. 17, Sched. F, Table; 2005, c. 5, s. 45; 2006, c. 19, Sched. C, s. 1 (1); 2006, c. 32, Sched. C, s. 33; 2006, c. 32, Sched. D, s. 10; 2007, c. 7, Sched. 27; 2007, c. 8, s. 219; 2009, c. 33, Sched. 21, s. 7; 2016, c. 23, s. 58; 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3; 2018, c. 3, Sched. 5, s. 37 (see: 2019, c. 1, Sched. 3, s. 5); 2019, c. 1, Sched. 4, s. 35; 2021, c. 4, Sched. 11, s. 23; 2022, c. 18, Sched. 3.

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#### **Definitions**

1 In this Act,

<sup>&</sup>quot;child" means a child born within or outside marriage and includes an adopted child and a person whom a parent has demonstrated a settled intention to treat as a child of his or her family; ("enfant")

<sup>&</sup>quot;controlling interest" means the interest that a person has in a corporation when the person beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, or exercises control or direction over, equity shares of the corporation carrying more than 10 per cent of the voting rights attached to all equity shares of the corporation for the time being outstanding; ("intérêts majoritaires")

<sup>&</sup>quot;council" means the council of a municipality; ("conseil")

<sup>&</sup>quot;elector" means,

<sup>(</sup>a) in respect of a municipality, or a local board thereof, other than a school board, a person entitled to vote at a municipal election in the municipality, and

- (b) in respect of a school board, a person entitled to vote at the election of members of the school board; ("électeur")
- "interest in common with electors generally" means a pecuniary interest in common with the electors within the area of jurisdiction and, where the matter under consideration affects only part of the area of jurisdiction, means a pecuniary interest in common with the electors within that part; ("intérêt commun à tous les électeurs")
- "judge" means a judge of the Superior Court of Justice; ("juge")
- "local board" means a school board, board of directors of a children's aid society, committee of adjustment, conservation authority, court of revision, land division committee, municipal service board, public library board, board of management of an improvement area, board of health, police services board, planning board, district social services administration board, trustees of a police village, board of trustees of a police village, board or committee of management of a long-term care home, or any other board, commission, committee, body or local authority established or exercising any power or authority under any general or special Act in respect of any of the affairs or purposes, including school purposes, of one or more municipalities or parts thereof, but does not include a committee of management of a community recreation centre appointed by a school board or a local roads board; ("conseil local")

Note: On a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor, the definition of "local board" in section 1 of the Act is amended by striking out "police services board" and substituting "police service board". (See: 2019, c. 1, Sched. 4, s. 35)

- "meeting" includes any regular, special, committee or other meeting of a council or local board, as the case may be; ("réunion")
- "member" means a member of a council or of a local board; ("membre")
- "municipality" includes a board, commission or other local authority exercising any power in respect of municipal affairs or purposes, including school purposes, in territory without municipal organization, but does not include a committee of management of a community recreation centre appointed by a school board, a local roads board or a local services board; ("municipalité")
- "parent" means a person who has demonstrated a settled intention to treat a child as a member of his or her family; ("parent")
- "school board" means a board as defined in subsection 1 (1) of the *Education Act*, and, where the context requires, includes an old board within the meaning of subsection 1 (1) of the *Education Act*; ("conseil scolaire")
- "senior officer" means the chair or any vice-chair of the board of directors, the president, any vice-president, the secretary, the treasurer or the general manager of a corporation or any other person who performs functions for the corporation similar to those normally performed by a person occupying any such office; ("dirigeant")
- "spouse" means a person to whom the person is married or with whom the person is living in a conjugal relationship outside marriage. ("conjoint") R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 1; 1997, c. 25, Sched. E, s. 7; 1997, c. 31, s. 156 (1); 1999, c. 6, s. 41 (1); 2002, c. 17, Sched. F, Table; 2005, c. 5, s. 45 (1, 2); 2006, c. 19, Sched. C, s. 1 (1); 2006, c. 32, Sched. D, s. 10; 2007, c. 8, s. 219; 2016, c. 23, s. 58; 2021, c. 4, Sched. 11, s. 23 (1-3).

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1997, c. 31, s. 156 (1) - 01/01/1998; 1999, c. 6, s. 41 (1) - 01/03/2000
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2021, c. 4, Sched. 11, s. 23 (1-3) - 19/04/2021
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#### **Principles**

- 1.1 The Province of Ontario endorses the following principles in relation to the duties of members of councils and of local boards under this Act:
  - 1. The importance of integrity, independence and accountability in local government decision-making.

- 2. The importance of certainty in reconciling the public duties and pecuniary interests of members.
- 3. Members are expected to perform their duties of office with integrity and impartiality in a manner that will bear the closest scrutiny.
- 4. There is a benefit to municipalities and local boards when members have a broad range of knowledge and continue to be active in their own communities, whether in business, in the practice of a profession, in community associations, and otherwise. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 1.

#### Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 1 - 01/03/2019

#### **Indirect pecuniary interest**

- 2 For the purposes of this Act, a member has an indirect pecuniary interest in any matter in which the council or local board, as the case may be, is concerned, if,
  - (a) the member or his or her nominee,
    - (i) is a shareholder in, or a director or senior officer of, a corporation that does not offer its securities to the public,
    - (ii) has a controlling interest in or is a director or senior officer of, a corporation that offers its securities to the public, or
    - (iii) is a member of a body,

that has a pecuniary interest in the matter; or

(b) the member is a partner of a person or is in the employment of a person or body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 2.

#### Interest of certain persons deemed that of member

3 For the purposes of this Act, the pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, of a parent or the spouse or any child of the member shall, if known to the member, be deemed to be also the pecuniary interest of the member. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 3; 1999, c. 6, s. 41 (2); 2005, c. 5, s. 45 (3); 2021, c. 4, Sched. 11, s. 23 (4).

#### Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

1999, c. 6, s. 41 (2) - 01/03/2000

2005, c. 5, s. 45 (3) - 13/06/2005

2021, c. 4, Sched. 11, s. 23 (4) - 19/04/2021

#### **EXCEPTIONS**

#### Where ss. 5, 5.2 and 5.3 do not apply

- 4 Sections 5, 5.2 and 5.3 do not apply to a pecuniary interest in any matter that a member may have,
  - (a) as a user of any public utility service supplied to the member by the municipality or local board in like manner and subject to the like conditions as are applicable in the case of persons who are not members;
  - (b) by reason of the member being entitled to receive on terms common to other persons any service or commodity or any subsidy, loan or other such benefit offered by the municipality or local board;
  - (c) by reason of the member purchasing or owning a debenture of the municipality or local board;
  - (d) by reason of the member having made a deposit with the municipality or local board, the whole or part of which is or may be returnable to the member in like manner as such a deposit is or may be returnable to all other electors;
  - (e) by reason of having an interest in any property affected by a work under the *Drainage Act* or by a work under a regulation made under Part XII of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 or Part IX of the *City of Toronto Act*, 2006, as the case may be, relating to local improvements;
  - (f) by reason of having an interest in farm lands that are exempted from taxation for certain expenditures under the Assessment Act:
  - (g) by reason of the member being eligible for election or appointment to fill a vacancy, office or position in the council or local board when the council or local board is empowered or required by any general or special Act to fill such vacancy, office or position;

- (h) by reason only of the member being a director or senior officer of a corporation incorporated for the purpose of carrying on business for and on behalf of the municipality or local board or by reason only of the member being a member of a board, commission, or other body as an appointee of a council or local board;
- (i) in respect of an allowance for attendance at meetings, or any other allowance, honorarium, remuneration, salary or benefit to which the member may be entitled by reason of being a member or as a member of a volunteer fire brigade, as the case may be;
- (j) by reason of the member having a pecuniary interest which is an interest in common with electors generally; or
- (k) by reason only of an interest of the member which is so remote or insignificant in its nature that it cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to influence the member. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 4; 2002, c. 17, Sched. F, Table; 2006, c. 32, Sched. C, s. 33 (1); 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 2; 2022, c. 18, Sched. 3, s. 1.

#### Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

2002, c. 17, Sched. F, Table - 01/01/2003 2006, c. 32, Sched. C, s. 33 (1) - 01/01/2007 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 2 - 01/03/2019 2022, c. 18, Sched. 3, s. 1 - 23/11/2022

#### **DUTY OF MEMBER**

#### When present at meeting at which matter considered

- 5 (1) Where a member, either on his or her own behalf or while acting for, by, with or through another, has any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in any matter and is present at a meeting of the council or local board at which the matter is the subject of consideration, the member,
  - (a) shall, prior to any consideration of the matter at the meeting, disclose the interest and the general nature thereof;
  - (b) shall not take part in the discussion of, or vote on any question in respect of the matter; and
  - (c) shall not attempt in any way whether before, during or after the meeting to influence the voting on any such question. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 5 (1).

#### Where member to leave closed meeting

(2) Where the meeting referred to in subsection (1) is not open to the public, in addition to complying with the requirements of that subsection, the member shall forthwith leave the meeting or the part of the meeting during which the matter is under consideration. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 5 (2).

#### Exception, consideration of penalty

- (2.1) The following rules apply if the matter under consideration at a meeting or a part of a meeting is to consider whether to suspend the remuneration paid to the member under subsection 223.4 (5) or (6) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 or under subsection 160 (5) or (6) of the *City of Toronto Act*, 2006:
  - 1. Despite clauses (1) (b) and (c), the member may take part in the discussion of the matter, including making submissions to council or the local board, as the case may be, and may attempt to influence the voting on any question in respect of the matter, whether before, during or after the meeting. However, the member is not permitted to vote on any question in respect of the matter.
  - 2. Despite subsection (2), in the case of a meeting that is not open to the public, the member may attend the meeting or part of the meeting during which the matter is under consideration. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 3.

#### When absent from meeting at which matter considered

(3) Where the interest of a member has not been disclosed as required by subsection (1) by reason of the member's absence from the meeting referred to therein, the member shall disclose the interest and otherwise comply with subsection (1) at the first meeting of the council or local board, as the case may be, attended by the member after the meeting referred to in subsection (1). R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 5 (3).

#### Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/v)

2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 3 - 01/03/2019

#### Written statement re disclosure

**5.1** At a meeting at which a member discloses an interest under section 5, or as soon as possible afterwards, the member shall file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the clerk of the municipality or the secretary of the committee or local board, as the case may be. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 4.

#### Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 4 - 01/03/2019

#### **Influence**

**5.2** (1) Where a member, either on his or her own behalf or while acting for, by, with or through another, has any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in any matter that is being considered by an officer or employee of the municipality or local board, or by a person or body to which the municipality or local board has delegated a power or duty, the member shall not use his or her office in any way to attempt to influence any decision or recommendation that results from consideration of the matter. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 4.

#### **Exception**

(2) However, if a municipality delegates a power to suspend the remuneration paid to a member under subsection 223.4 (5) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 or subsection 160 (5) of the *City of Toronto Act*, 2006 to a person or body, and the person or body is considering exercising that power with respect to a member, subsection (1) of this section does not prevent the member from attempting to influence any decision or recommendation of the person or body that results from consideration of the matter. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 4.

#### Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 4 - 01/03/2019

#### Head of council

- **5.3** (1) Where a head of council of a municipality either on their own behalf or while acting for, by, with or through another, has any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in any matter of the municipality and has a power or duty listed in subsection (2) with respect to the matter, the head of council,
  - (a) shall, upon becoming aware of the interest in the matter, disclose the interest by filing a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the clerk of the municipality;
  - (b) shall not use the power or exercise the duty with respect to the matter; and
  - (c) shall not use their office in any way to attempt to influence any decision or recommendation of the municipality that results from consideration of the matter. 2022, c. 18, Sched. 3, s. 2.

#### Same

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the powers and duties are the powers and duties of a head of council in Part VI.1 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 and Part VI.1 of the *City of Toronto Act*, 2006 but do not include the power to delegate in section 284.13 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 and section 226.11 of the *City of Toronto Act*, 2006. 2022, c. 18, Sched. 3, s. 2.

#### Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/v)

2022, c. 18, Sched. 3, s. 2 - 23/11/2022

#### RECORD OF DISCLOSURE

#### Disclosure to be recorded in minutes

6 (1) Every declaration of interest and the general nature thereof made under section 5 shall, where the meeting is open to the public, be recorded in the minutes of the meeting by the clerk of the municipality or secretary of the committee or local board, as the case may be. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 6 (1).

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(2) Every declaration of interest made under section 5, but not the general nature of that interest, shall, where the meeting is not open to the public, be recorded in the minutes of the next meeting that is open to the public. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 6 (2).

#### REGISTRY

#### Requirement to establish registry

- **6.1** (1) Every municipality and local board shall establish and maintain a registry in which shall be kept,
  - (a) a copy of each statement filed under section 5.1 or 5.3; and
  - (b) a copy of each declaration recorded under section 6. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 5; 2022, c. 18, Sched. 3, s. 3.

#### Access to registry

(2) The registry shall be available for public inspection in the manner and during the time that the municipality or local board, as the case may be, may determine. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 5.

#### Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 5 - 01/03/2019 2022, c. 18, Sched. 3, s. 3 - 23/11/2022

#### REMEDY FOR LACK OF QUORUM

#### Quorum deemed constituted

7 (1) Where the number of members who, by reason of the provisions of this Act, are disabled from participating in a meeting is such that at that meeting the remaining members are not of sufficient number to constitute a quorum, then, despite any other general or special Act, the remaining number of members shall be deemed to constitute a quorum, provided such number is not less than two. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 7 (1).

#### Application to judge

(2) Where in the circumstances mentioned in subsection (1), the remaining number of members who are not disabled from participating in the meeting is less than two, the council or local board may apply to a judge without notice for an order authorizing the council or local board, as the case may be, to give consideration to, discuss and vote on the matter out of which the interest arises. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 7 (2).

#### Power of judge to declare s. 5, 5.1 or 5.2 not to apply

(3) The judge may, on an application brought under subsection (2), by order, declare that section 5, 5.1 or 5.2 does not apply to the council or local board, as the case may be, in respect of the matter in relation to which the application is brought, and the council or local board thereupon may give consideration to, discuss and vote on the matter in the same manner as though none of the members had any interest therein, subject only to such conditions and directions as the judge may consider appropriate and so order. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 7 (3); 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 6.

#### Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 6 - 01/03/2019

#### ACTION WHERE CONTRAVENTION ALLEGED

#### Application

- 8 (1) An elector, an Integrity Commissioner of a municipality or a person demonstrably acting in the public interest may apply to a judge for a determination of the question of whether,
  - (a) a member has contravened section 5, 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3; or
  - (b) a former member contravened section 5, 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3 while he or she was a member. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 7; 2022, c. 18, Sched. 3, s. 4.

#### Six-week period

(2) An application may only be made within six weeks after the applicant became aware of the alleged contravention. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 7.

#### **Exception**

- (3) Despite subsection (2), an application may be made more than six weeks after the applicant became aware of the alleged contravention if all of the following conditions are satisfied:
  - 1. The applicant applied to an Integrity Commissioner for an inquiry under section 223.4.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001 or under section 160.1 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006 in accordance with those sections.

- 2. The Integrity Commissioner conducted an inquiry under section 223.4.1 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 or under section 160.1 of the *City of Toronto Act*, 2006 and the Commissioner,
  - i. has advised the applicant under subsection 223.4.1 (16) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* or under subsection 160.1 (16) of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* that the Commissioner will not be making an application to a judge,
  - ii. has not completed the inquiry within the time limit set out in subsection 223.4.1 (14) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* or subsection 160.1 (14) of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, or
  - iii. has terminated the inquiry under subsection 223.4.1 (12) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* or subsection 160.1 (12) of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*.
- 3. The application under this section includes a copy of the applicant's statutory declaration made under subsection 223.4.1 (6) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 or under subsection 160.1 (6) of the *City of Toronto Act*, 2006.
- 4. The application under this section is made within six weeks after the earlier of the following,
  - i. the day the Commissioner advised the applicant under subsection 223.4.1 (16) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* or under subsection 160.1 (16) of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* that the Commissioner will not be making an application to a judge,
  - ii. the last day on which the Commissioner is required under subsection 223.4.1 (14) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 or subsection 160.1 (14) of the *City of Toronto Act*, 2006 to complete the inquiry referred to in paragraph 2 of this subsection, and
  - iii. the day the inquiry was terminated under subsection 223.4.1 (12) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* or subsection 160.1 (12) of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006.* 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 7.

#### Same, application by Integrity Commissioner

(4) Despite subsection (2), an application may be made more than six weeks after the applicant became aware of the alleged contravention if the applicant is an Integrity Commissioner and if the application relates to an inquiry conducted by the Commissioner under section 223.4.1 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* or under section 160.1 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 7.

#### No application by Integrity Commissioner during regular election

(5) No application shall be made by an Integrity Commissioner of a municipality during the period of time starting on nomination day for a regular election, as set out in section 31 of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, and ending on voting day in a regular election, as set out in section 5 of that Act. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 7.

#### Limitation

(6) Despite subsections (2), (3) and (4), no application shall be made after the sixth anniversary of the alleged contravention. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 7.

#### Contents of notice of application

(7) The notice of application shall state the grounds for finding that the member or former member contravened section 5, 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 7; 2022, c. 18, Sched. 3, s. 4.

#### Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 7 - 01/03/2019

2022, c. 18, Sched. 3, s. 4 - 23/11/2022

#### Power of judge

- 9 (1) If the judge determines that the member or former member contravened section 5, 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3, the judge may do any or all of the following:
  - 1. Reprimand the member or former member.
  - 2. Suspend the remuneration paid to the member for a period of up to 90 days.
  - 3. Declare the member's seat vacant.
  - 4. Disqualify the member or former member from being a member during a period of not more than seven years after the date of the order.

5. If the contravention has resulted in personal financial gain, require the member or former member to make restitution to the party suffering the loss, or, if the party's identity is not readily ascertainable, to the municipality or local board, as the case may be. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 7; 2022, c. 18, Sched. 3, s. 4.

#### Same

- (2) In exercising his or her discretion under subsection (1) the judge may consider, among other matters, whether the member or former member.
  - (a) took reasonable measures to prevent the contravention;
  - (b) disclosed the pecuniary interest and all relevant facts known to him or her to an Integrity Commissioner in a request for advice from the Commissioner under the *Municipal Act, 2001 or the City of Toronto Act, 2006* and acted in accordance with the advice, if any, provided to the member by the Commissioner; or
  - (c) committed the contravention through inadvertence or by reason of an error in judgment made in good faith. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 7.

#### Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 7 - 01/03/2019

2022, c. 18, Sched. 3, s. 4 - 23/11/2022

**10** REPEALED: 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 7.

#### Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

1997, c. 31, s. 156 (2) - 01/01/1998

2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 7 - 01/03/2019

#### **Appeal to Divisional Court**

11 (1) An appeal lies from any order made under section 9 to the Divisional Court in accordance with the rules of court. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 11 (1); 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 8.

#### Judgment or new trial

(2) The Divisional Court may give any judgment that ought to have been pronounced, in which case its decision is final, or the Divisional Court may grant a new trial for the purpose of taking evidence or additional evidence and may remit the case to the trial judge or another judge and, subject to any directions of the Divisional Court, the case shall be proceeded with as if there had been no appeal. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 11 (2).

#### Appeal from order or new trial

(3) Where the case is remitted to a judge under subsection (2), an appeal lies from the order of the judge to the Divisional Court in accordance with the provisions of this section. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 11 (3).

#### Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 8 - 01/03/2019

#### Proceedings not invalidated but voidable

12 (1) A member's failure to comply with section 5, 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3 does not invalidate any proceedings in respect of a matter referred to in those sections, but those proceedings are voidable in the circumstances described in subsection (2). 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 9; 2022, c. 18, Sched. 3, s. 4.

#### Declaring proceedings void

(2) Subject to subsection (3), if a member has failed to comply with section 5, 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3 in respect of a matter referred to in those sections, the municipality or local board, as the case may be, may declare the proceedings to be void before the second anniversary of the date of the passing of the by-law or resolution authorizing the matter. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 9; 2022, c. 18, Sched. 3, s. 4.

#### **Exception**

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply if declaring the proceedings to be void would adversely affect the rights that any person who acted in good faith and without actual notice of the failure to comply with section 5, 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3 acquired under or by virtue of the proceedings. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 9; 2022, c. 18, Sched. 3, s. 4.

#### Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 9 - 01/03/2019

2022, c. 18, Sched. 3, s. 4 - 23/11/2022

#### Other proceedings prohibited

13 (1) A proceeding that relates to a member's or former member's alleged conflict of interest and seeks a remedy described in subsection 9 (1) shall be brought only under this Act. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 9.

#### Same

(2) Subsection (1) does not affect the power of a municipality or a local board to reprimand a member or suspend a member's remuneration under subsection 223.4 (5) or (6) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 or under subsection 160 (5) or (6) of the *City of Toronto Act*, 2006. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 9.

#### Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 9 - 01/03/2019

#### **GENERAL**

#### Insurance

- 14 (1) Despite section 279 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* or section 218 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, as the case may be, the council of every municipality may at any time pass by-laws,
  - (a) for contracting for insurance;
  - (b) despite the *Insurance Act*, to enable the municipality to act as an insurer; and
  - (c) for exchanging with other municipalities in Ontario reciprocal contracts of indemnity or inter-insurance in accordance with Part XIII of the *Insurance Act*,

to protect a member of the council or of any local board thereof who has been found not to have contravened section 5, 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3 against any costs or expenses incurred by the member as a result of a proceeding brought under this Act, and for paying on behalf of or reimbursing the member for any such costs or expenses. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 14 (1); 2002, c. 17, Sched. F, Table; 2006, c. 32, Sched. C, s. 33 (2); 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 10 (1); 2022, c. 18, Sched. 3, s. 4.

#### Insurance Act does not apply

(2) The *Insurance Act* does not apply to a municipality acting as an insurer for the purposes of subsection (1). R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 14 (2).

#### Surplus funds

(3) Despite section 387 of the *Insurance Act*, any surplus funds and the reserve fund of a municipal reciprocal exchange may be invested only in accordance with subsection 279 (2) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 or subsection 218 (3) of the *City of Toronto Act*, 2006, as the case may be. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 10 (2).

#### Reserve funds

(4) The money raised for a reserve fund of a municipal reciprocal exchange may be expended or pledged for, or applied to, a purpose other than that for which the fund was established if two-thirds of the municipalities that are members of the exchange together with two-thirds of the municipalities that previously were members of the exchange and that may be subject to claims arising while they were members of the exchange agree in writing and if section 386 of the *Insurance Act* is complied with. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 14 (4); 2009, c. 33, Sched. 21, s. 7.

#### Local boards

(5) A local board has the same powers to provide insurance for or to make payments to or on behalf of its members as are conferred upon the council of a municipality under this section in respect of its members. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 14 (5).

#### Former members

(6) A by-law passed under this section may provide that it applies to a person who was a member at the time the circumstances giving rise to the proceeding occurred but who, prior to the judgment in the proceeding, has ceased to be a member. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 14 (6).

#### Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

1996, c. 32, s. 76 (1) - 06/03/1997

2002, c. 17, Sched. F, Table - 01/01/2003

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2006, c. 32, Sched. C, s. 33 (2, 3) - 01/01/2007
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2007, c. 7, Sched. 27, s. 1 - 05/05/2008

2009, c. 33, Sched. 21, s. 7 - 15/12/2009

2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 10 (1) - 01/03/2019; 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 10 (2) - 01/03/2018

2022, c. 18, Sched. 3, s. 4 - 23/11/2022

#### Conflict with other Acts

15 In the event of conflict between any provision of this Act and any provision of any general or special Act, the provision of this Act prevails. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 15.

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