

M.D. of Opportunity No 17
COUNCIL POLICY

TITLE: **COUNCILLOR DISQUALIFICATION**

EFFECTIVE DATE: **JUNE 12, 1996**

POLICY NUMBER: **C.1**

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: **Municipal Government Act Section 174 and 175**

Purpose of Policy:

This policy is intended to set out the action to be taken by the municipality in dealing with councillor disqualification

Policy Statements

1. The primary responsibility for determining whether a councillor is in danger of becoming, or has become, disqualified rests with the individual councillor.
2. Where other councillors or administrators become aware that a councillor or councillors may be in danger of becoming disqualified, they are encouraged to try to warn the councillor or councillors.
3. The responsibility for dealing with a potential or real disqualification rests with the councillor who may become, or is, disqualified. Where a councillor requests authorization to be absent from all regular meetings in an 8 week period, the councillor must provide reasons for the absence. Council retains the right to determine what is a reasonable absence.
4. When it becomes known to council that a councillor has become disqualified and that councillor refuses to resign, council will proceed with an action in the Court of Queen's Bench.
5. A copy of this policy, together with an information memo, will be provided to all new councillors.

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APPROVED: JUNE 12, 1996
AMENDED: JANUARY 26, 2005