

	Governing Principles	
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Policy Statement:


Council will conduct its activities in ways which emphasize the community vision, diversity in viewpoints, strategic leadership, accountability and transparency, collective decisions, planning, an active and responsive approach with a strong team culture and respect for one another, and a clear distinction of Council and Chief Administrative Officer roles.

Community Vision and Mission:

Council will uphold and foster a culture of resiliency – where people, businesses, ideas and a strong sense of community thrive. Grounded by the Sheep River valley and supported by thoughtful planning and design, a strong local economy and a vibrant civic culture, Okotoks offers exceptional quality of life at every stage of life. Respect for each other and the natural environment makes Okotoks home.

Council will strive to create and nurture an environment in which people are able to pursue the fulfilment of their values, in harmony with the community.

1. Council is the link between the community and the organization and acts as an advocate for the organization and the citizens it represents.
2. Council will direct, lead and inspire the organization.
3. Council will establish policies which address the broadest levels of all organizational decisions and situations.
 - 3.1 Purpose Statements: Describe why the Town of Okotoks exists - what it's for by stating the benefits the organization is to create for its citizens and at what cost.
 - 3.2 Executive Limitation policies: State the constraints, and ethics boundaries on the Chief Administrator Officer's actions and decisions.
 - 3.3 Governance Process policies: State the behaviours, practices, discipline and conduct of Council itself.
 - 3.4 Council - Management Delegation policies: State the extent of authority delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer and the process for monitoring; the Chief Administrative Officer's role, authority and accountability.
4. Council may adjust its Purpose Statements and Executive Limitation policies, thereby changing the latitude of choice given to the Chief Administrative Officer; however, as long as any particular delegation is in place, Council will respect and support the Chief Administrative Officer's reasonable interpretation.

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5. Council will govern in accordance with the Okotoks Governance Framework.
6. Council will monitor and evaluate the Okotoks Governance Framework once per term.

We Value:

Innovation

We are a leading-edge organization that creates possibilities.

Collaboration

We work together to achieve great results.

Empowerment

We encourage and support the Town in taking initiative.

Passion

We strive to be the best at what we do.

Accountability

We take ownership for what we do.

Communication

We are open, honest, and respectful.