
	<i>Accountability and Transparency</i>	
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Policy Statement:

Accountability and Transparency are standards of good government that enhance public trust. Members of Council will hold themselves accountable to their community, the organization and other members of Council for their decisions and actions or inactions. Council will practice transparent governance by providing the public with information about what Council is doing and actively encourage and foster public participation and openness in its decision-making process.

1. Council as a whole is the sole position at the Town of Okotoks to exercise the community representative role with respect to its citizens. This role cannot be delegated.
2. Council members individually are accountable to their electors; recognizing the primacy of the Council table in decision making.
3. Accountability to the community will be accomplished primarily through Council's creation of Purpose Statement policies and Executive Limitation policies, holding the Chief Administrative Officer accountable to Council for fulfilment.
4. Council will establish and adhere to a Council Code of Conduct.
5. Council will self-monitor, discuss and evaluate Council's processes and performance, at a minimum, on an annual basis.
6. Formal Council meetings are open to the public, except where it is appropriate and permitted under legislation, to consider a matter in a closed meeting.
7. Council will make Council policies, decisions, and non-confidential information available to the public through a variety of media, and in a timely manner.
8. Council will prudently oversee Council's financial resources taking into consideration commitments and goals in the short and long term.
9. Council attendance at Council meetings and committees will be reported to the public on an annual basis.

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