

STAFF REPORT: ADMINISTRATION



REPORT TO: Council
MEETING DATE: June 25, 2007
REPORT NO.: A.07.20
SUBJECT: Section 270 Policies
PREPARED BY: Stephen Keast, Clerk

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report A.07.20, "Section 270 Policies" and appoint a Policy Review Sub-Committee that would proceed in finalizing Policy recommendations to Council to achieve compliance with Section 270 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

B. Background

Revisions to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, for the most part proclaimed on January 1, 2007 (Bill 130), include a requirement under Section 270 for a municipality to adopt Policies in six fields, being in order as show in the Act:

- Sale and other disposition of land
- Hiring of employees
- Procurement of goods and services
- Provision of notice to the public
- The manner in which the municipality will try to ensure that it is accountable to the public for its actions and the manner in which the municipality will try to ensure that its actions are transparent to the public
- Delegation of powers and duties

Section 270 has recently been proclaimed to come into force and effect on January 1, 2008, and it would be beneficial for consideration of Policy to begin through a sub-Committee featuring both Council and Staff representation, so as to ensure a well-rounded approach and completion in a timely manner. The sub-Committee would not have to be a large body, with a Committee format allowing for discussion and debate prior to Council consideration.

Policies addressing the hiring of employees (POL.07.02) and the procurement of goods and services (POL.07.03) will be provided for review and consideration at a later date. Although listed number five of six in the Act, the Accountability and Transparency Policy is numbered as the sixth and final Policy to reflect its consideration in all other Policy documents.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

Goal Providing a strong, well managed municipal government.

Actions Practice open and proactive communications.
Involve the community, business sector, developers, public partners and others in the ongoing work of the municipality.

D. Budget Impact (cc: Treasury if required)

Unknown

E. Attached

1. Policy POL.07.01, Sale and Other Disposition of Land (**draft**)
2. Policy POL.07.04, Provision of Notice to the Public (**draft**)
3. Policy POL.07.05, Delegation by Council of Powers and Duties (**draft**)
4. Policy POL.07.06, Accountability and Transparency of Town Actions to the public (**draft**)

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Keast, Clerk