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Dear Mayor and Council,

I read about your revised Code of Conduct public meeting in the little Blue Mountains News sheet. I will not be able to attend due to the workday time schedule but hope you may consider a written submission.

- 1) Would there be value to council and the public in some additional information on other mechanisms to regulate council action and transparency. They are mentioned in the draft but some examples might be informative. For example how are Library Board, Conservation Authority etc. managed?
- 2) Would there be value in provision for review by the Commissioner of matters which might also be regulated elsewhere? Other mechanisms are difficult for the public to access, may require considerable resources on behalf of the public, may take a long time and may provide little useful resolution. The public might be quite satisfied if say a Municipal Act issue was investigated by the commissioner, with the commissioner's report suggesting a council consequence if applicable and providing information on how a complainant might further pursue the issue within the Act . A local solution to a local issue.
- 3) Re #5 Use of technology- would a reference to policy which guides online activities, such as twitter or e mail content or restricted sites give clarity for council and the public (Careful here, Grey County restricted access to Lake Huron Rod and Gun re "Guns and Ammo " content – not reflective of the Community need for livestock protection tools)
- 4) Re #8 recommending attendance at charity events. Has policy matured on how many of council can attend an event and how they may interact at an event ?
- 5) Confidentiality – do any controls exist beyond the term of council?



Are clear expectations given to councilors and are logical consequences defined for actions which do not follow expectations? Here again a local policy and local consequences would have many advantages in engaging the public and timely and satisfactory investigation and reporting.

6) As a taxpayer I support this review and the regular review in the future.

Yours Truly
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