



28 Pulford Street, Kingsville, Ontario N9Y 1B4

June 8, 2021

Report to Council, Corporation of the Town of Kingsville

Subject:

**Municipal Code of Conduct Consultation Meeting with Minister Dunlop and the Western Region Municipalities June 8, 2021**

This morning I did participate in a phone style input or feedback session with many other municipalities.

Several Questions were asked and answered by many.

This was just one on many input sessions.

**Consultation Questions:** (that were provided to lead our discussion this morning)

1. *What changes do you feel are needed to bring the existing requirements for the content of municipal codes of conduct?*
2. *The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has made recommendations to improve accountability for members of council, including:*
  1. *Increased financial penalties.*
  2. *Suspension for certain violations.*
  3. *Removal from office in certain circumstances; and*
  4. *Better training and standards for integrity commissioners.*

*Which of AMO's recommendations do you think would help improve accountability for council members?*

3. *Do you have any additional suggestions for a more effective enforcement and a broader range of penalties for violations of the code of conduct?*
4. *Under what circumstances do you believe additional or stronger penalties for violating a code of conduct would be appropriate?*

**Comments, Suggestions, and general Feedback**

(Based on my rough notes, e.& o. e.)

1. Suggest a Common Code of Conduct for all Municipalities.
2. Suggest a Standard training package for all Councils, with Staff in attendance
3. Consider having a Provincial Judge involved with major rulings that impact pay or suspensions.
4. Councils should not be asked to vote on recommendations of the Commissioners.
5. Document bad behaviour of Council members that could be used for progressive action.
6. Create a safe Environment for Staff, Council, and the Public to be able to start a Conduct investigation without fear.
7. Consider Public Actions of Council on social media that may have an adverse effect on Council as a whole, and the effects it may have on the Public Trust of the Municipality.

It was also noted the Ministry invites input online.

If any Council wishes to submit a formal response on behalf of any Municipality that would be welcomed as well until July 15, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted

*P. Gordon Queen*