# Working Group on Responsible Conduct: Update

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#### What is Responsible Conduct?

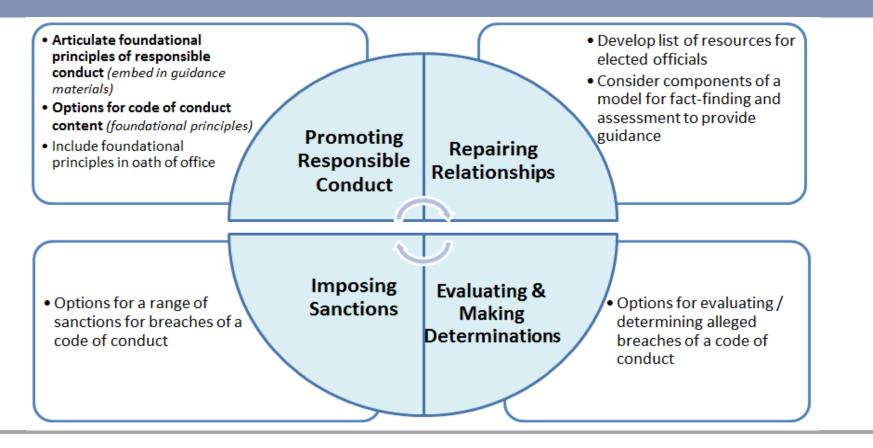
*'Responsible conduct'* broadly refers to how local government elected officials conduct themselves with their elected official colleagues, with local government staff, and with the public.



## Working Group on Responsible Conduct (WGRC)

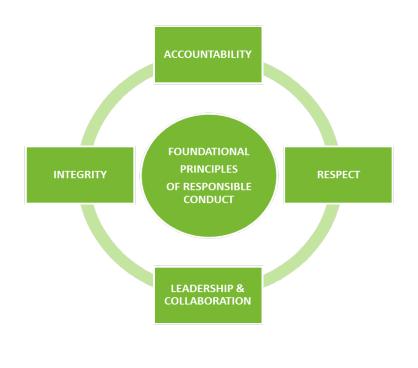
- WGRC formed in Fall 2016 with staff from UBCM, LGMA and the Ministry
- Undertook collaborative research, policy work and consultation to explore issues related to responsible conduct and develop recommendations
- WGRC policy paper (with recommendations) endorsed at 2017 UBCM Convention

### **Key Recommendations**



### **Four Key Foundational Principles**

- Four foundational principles of responsible conduct:
  - Integrity
  - Accountability
  - Respect
  - Leadership & Collaboration
- Intended to guide conduct of elected officials and collective behaviour of council or board



## WGRC's Focus Moving Forward

- Integrating foundational principles & putting into 'action'
- Focus will be on codes of conduct
- Developing code of conduct framework involves design choices / important questions to consider (no consensus)
- In interim, WGRC also working on material to help start conversations around codes of conduct as new councils and boards take office