Working Group on Responsible Conduct

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Overview

How did we get here? • UBCM resolution → WGRC • Work to Date

Where are we now?

- Priorities & Resources
- Building the Foundation
- Group discussion: your experiences

Where are we headed?

• Focus on Building the Code of Conduct Framework

What is Responsible Conduct?



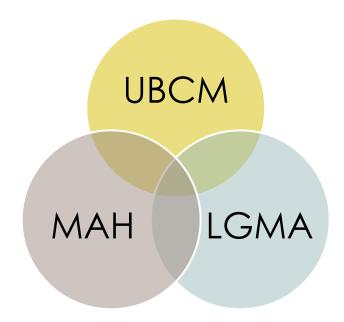
'Responsible Conduct':

how local government elected officials conduct themselves with their colleagues, with staff, and with the public

How did we get here?

What is the Working Group on Responsible Conduct?

- Staff level group formed Fall 2016
- UBCM, LGMA & Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Collaborative endeavour exploring issues related to responsible conduct
- Research and policy work
- Careful and considered path



Where are we now?

- Key priority: exploring a Code of Conduct Framework
- Building on a strong foundation:
 - **Foundational Principles**
 - Model Code of Conduct
 - ► Companion Guide



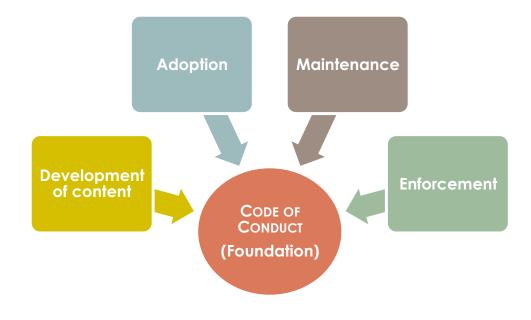
Model Code of Conduct

Your Council / Board	
Produced by the Working Group on Responsible Conduct	Introduction The Working Group on Responsible Conduct has developed a model Code of Condu- that can be used as a starting point by local government councils/boards to devel their own customized Code of Conduct.
What is Responsible Conduct? Responsible conducting oneset? accorduct in principles such as honestly and integrity, and in a way and integrity, and in a way government's ability in provide good governant to Ubair community	This companion guide provides discussion questions, things to keep in mind, and oth helpful tigs and resources to facilitate a council/board's conversation in develop their own code of conduct. This guide is also useful for council/boards that alreat have a code of conduct this quide is also useful for council/boards that alreat 2015 general local elections.
	What is a Code of Conduct? A code of conduct is a writem document that sets shared expectations for conduct behaviour. A council/bard can adopt a code of conduct to establish expectations how members should conduct themselves while carrying out their responsibility and in their work as a collective decision-making body for their community.
	Responsible conduct of elected officials is not optional; it is essential to go governance. A Code of Conduct is one tool that can be used by a local governme council/board to promote or further responsible conduct.
	Before you get Started safers you discust the content of your Code of Conduct, it is important to ensure th all council/bare members understand the purpose of embarking on th development of a code of Conduct, have clare expectations about what the Code weredown it.
Keep in mind before thinking about the	Ensuring that everyone is on the same page before diving into the details of yo Code of Conduct will help make the development process easier and the Code Conduct more meaningful. Ask yourselves:
content of your Code of Conduct, ensure that	Q Why is developing a Code of Conduct important to us?
everyone is on the same	Q What are our key objectives in developing a Code of Conduct?
page about what you want to achieve and how you want to	Q Do we each understand the role of a Code of Conduct (i.e. that it is in addition t not instead of, legal rules and local government policies)?
get there. Agreeing on the objectives and the process upfront will help make the Code of Conduct more meaningful and successful	Q What kind of process do we want to undertake to develop our Code of Conduc Do we want to do this ourselves, with staff or get assistance from a facilitator other consultant?
	Q Would we benefit from training or education about responsible conduct or Cod of Conduct generally before we get started on developing our own?
	★ <u>TIP</u> : It may take multiple sessions and a variety of approaches to develop a Co of Conduct that works for you - don't feel you have to get it done in one sitting using any one particular method.

Group Discussion:

FEEDBACK & EXPERIENCES WITH CODES OF CONDUCT

Where are we headed?



Building a broader framework: much to consider...

- What degree of flexibility?
- How do you ensure the framework is meaningful?
- How would different perspectives be balanced?
- How would the framework fit within the existing legislative system?

What's next?

- **Work underway on the framework**
- Consultation process being developed
- Area association meetings will provide more details
- Stay tuned...your input will be important!