

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **By-law number 236 on the code of conduct and ethics of elected officials**

Section 13 of the Act respecting the ethics and conduct in municipal matters, provides that a municipality may, following a general election, adopt intended for the elected a revised Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct which replaces the existing with or without modification.

This Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct will:

- outline key values of the municipality in matters of ethics, including those provided by law.
- provide the rules that should guide the conduct of members of council and penalties specified in the Act.

### **Values**

The following values are set among the core values of the municipality:

- the integrity of all members of council of the municipality ;
- honor attached to the office of member of a municipal council ;
- caution in the pursuit of the public interest;
- respect for the other members of a council of a municipality , the employees thereof and citizens;
- loyalty to the municipality;
- the pursuit of equity .

### **Rules**

This Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct sets out the rules that will guide the conduct of a person:

- as a member of council
- After the end of his mandate as member of the council of the municipality.

These rules are intended to prevent:

- any situation where personal interests may impair his independence of judgment in the exercise of his functions;
- favoritism, embezzlement, breach of trust or other misconduct.

These rules aim to prohibit:

- acting to further their private interests or, in a reasonable manner, those of any other person;
- taking advantage of his position to influence another person's decision to promote his personal interests, or, in a reasonable manner, those of any other person;
- soliciting for himself or for another person , any benefit whatsoever in exchange for a position on the matter before a council, committee or commission to which he belongs, said benefits may be seized ;
- accepting any gift, regardless of its value, which may impair their independence of judgment in the exercise of their duties or which may compromise its integrity;
- using the resources of the municipality or any other organization for personal purposes or for purposes other than activities related to the exercise of its functions;
- using during his tenure or after it, information obtained in the exercise of its functions to promote his personal interests or those of any other person;
- within 12 months after the end of his mandate, to hold a directorship or any other function so that he himself or any other person takes improper advantage of his previous duties as a member of a council of the municipality;

- making an announcement at a political fundraising event, of the realization of a project, the conclusion of a contract or a grant by the municipality, unless a final decision on this project, contract or grant has already been taken by the competent authority of the municipality.

A public register is established and published annually by the Secretary-Treasurer, containing statements on gifts , hospitality and other benefits received by the elected exceeding 200\$.

### **Sanctions**

The following sanctions may be imposed under section 31 of the LEDMM following an inquiry conducted by the Quebec Municipal Commission:

- reprimand
- delivery to the municipality within 30 days of the decision of the Quebec Municipal Commission:
  - o the gift, or other
  - o any profit made in violation of a rule in the code;
- reimbursement of any fee or other amount received for the period that lasted a breach of a rule of the code;
- the suspension of the council member for the period of stay may not exceed 90 days, the suspension should not have effect beyond the day ends his mandate ends.

When a council member is suspended, he cannot sit on any board or receive remuneration, allowance or other amount from the municipality or agency.

By-law number 236 is scheduled for adoption at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the Township of Arundel to be held Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 7:00 pm at the municipal building located at 2, Village Street in Arundel.

By-law number 236 may be consulted at the Town Hall, at 2, Village street , during normal office hours , Monday to Thursday , 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm and Friday, 8:00 to 1:00 pm ( except holidays ) .

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I give notice this February 12<sup>nd</sup> 2018.



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Director general and secretary-treasurer