

THE COUNCIL

The council is the main body of local government. The Councillors and Reeve are primarily elected for their leadership qualities. As citizen representatives they have a vested interest in the welfare of their community and therefore must possess two other necessary qualifications. First a member must have the skill and experience to adequately meet the demands of the position. Secondly, he or she must have the time and the willingness to serve. The following is a condensed, but comprehensive list of the duties involved in being a councillor.

They are not listed in order of priority for each is relative to the others. However, each one does reflect the fundamental concept of a government board. The Council is a policy making group. Its responsibility is to decide how the municipality is to be run. The Council shall:

- Define policies in relation to the community needs and to the internal organizational operation;
- Maintain a high level of financial accountability to the taxpayers by insuring a safe administration of funds and an adequate control of expenditures;
- Adopt suitable bylaws and to establish a plan of organization providing clear and distinct line of authority and to insure that the bylaws and plans of organization are respected;
- Provide personnel, equipment and facilities consistent with the municipality's need for:
 - a.) enhancement of the transportation network;
 - b.) maintenance and safety programs for the ratepayer's protection,
 - c.) to provide a centre for ratepayer information and council activities.

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- To represent the public and to consider the well being and interests of the municipality;
- To participate in developing and evaluating the policies, services and programs of the municipality;
- To participate in council meetings and council committee meetings and meetings of other bodies to which they are appointed by the council;
- To ensure that administrative practices and procedures are in place to implement the decisions of council;
- To keep in confidence matters discussed in private at a council or council committee meeting until discussed at a meeting held in public;
- To maintain the financial integrity of the municipality;
- To perform any duty or function imposed on councillors by the Municipalities Act or any other Act or by council.