

Resolution 22A

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS (DEFEATED)

⇒ Halifax Regional Municipality

WHEREAS UNSM has drafted proposed amendments to the *Municipal Government Act* regarding a Code of Conduct for Municipal Elected Officials; and

WHEREAS the Code of Conduct has been adopted by the majority of Nova Scotian municipalities; and

WHEREAS HRM remains committed to support the UNSM to advance the required changes to the *MGA* and Halifax Charter that would address the issue of sanctions for violating the Code of Conduct;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UNSM and the Province of Nova Scotia move forward as soon as possible with required changes to the *MGA* that would provide sanctions for violation of the Code of Conduct.

BACKGROUND:

UNSM has drafted proposed amendments to the Municipal Government Act regarding Code of Conduct for Municipal Elected Officials. HRM appreciates the work UNSM has undertaken on this issue to date, most notably developing the Code of Conduct itself and working towards its adoption by the majority of municipalities in Nova Scotia.

In May 2009, HRM adopted its own Code of Conduct for Elected Municipal Officials, using the UNSM Code as a basis and making slight modifications to reflect some of HRM's unique circumstances. In the same motion, Council endorsed UNSM's resolution supporting changes to the MGA to allow for sanctions for violation of the Code of Conduct. Halifax Regional Council remains committed to support the required changes to the MGA to allow for sanctions.