

April 18, 2018

REPORT TO: Mayor & Council

FROM: Elizabeth (Lisa) Slomke, Clerk

SUBJECT: Further Bill 68 Amendments – Declaration of Interest

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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In November 2016, the Province of Ontario tabled Bill 68, the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, which introduced a series of reforms to the Municipal Act, Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, as well as several other pieces of municipally-relevant legislation.

Multiple reports have been brought to this Council recommending amendments to current practices in order to adhere to the updated legislation. This report highlights the amendment to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act requiring municipalities to maintain a registry of all declarations made under this Act. The registry must include the original written declaration provided by the member of Council and must be available to the public.

Members of Council who have a potential pecuniary interest in an item on an agenda would be required to complete the form (preferably prior to the meeting) and submit them to the Clerk. For non-agenda items, the Clerk will have extra forms available to be completed during the meeting.

## **NEXT STEPS**

I suggest that an online registry be built and maintained by the Clerk's Office which is sorted by Member of Council and stored on the Civic Web portion of our website. The original signed copies would be attached behind the approved minutes in which they belong and would be available for public inspection in the Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

Attached to this report is a Declaration of Interest form created to suit the needs of the Town of Fort Frances.

Council approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Administration & Finance Executive Committee to accept the report and procedure outlined and further supports implementation of this process effective immediately.
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