

SCHEDULE "D"
TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH BUILDING BY-LAW 2005-85

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR BUILDING OFFICIALS

The Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach maintains this Code of Conduct in accordance with the provisions of The Building Code Act. Building Officials undertake building certification functions that ensure the quality, structural integrity and safety of buildings. Building Officials are exposed to potential conflicts of interest because of the special powers conferred on them. The conduct and behaviour of the Town of Wasaga Beach Building Officials reflects the Town's commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, technical competence, skill, honesty, fairness and independence. Building Officials observe both the letter and the spirit of this Code of Conduct as it pertains to situations that bear on their responsibilities.

Purpose:

The purposes of this Code of Conduct are:

- To promote appropriate standards of behaviour by Building Officials in the exercise of their powers and performance of their duties.
- To prevent practices which may constitute an abuse of power, and
- To promote appropriate standards of honesty and integrity.

Standards of Conduct and Professionalism:

Building Officials undertake at all times to:

1. Act in the public interest, particularly with regard to the safety of building works and structures.
2. Maintain their knowledge and understanding of the best current building practice, the building laws and regulations relevant to their building certifying functions.
3. Commit themselves to a process of continuous education so as to constantly be aware of developments in building design, practice and the law relevant to their duties.
4. Comply with the provisions of the Building Code Act, the Building Code and any other Act or Law that regulates or governs Building Officials or their functions.
5. Comply with all other policies, guidelines and procedures of the Town of Wasaga Beach.
6. Avoid situations where there may be, or where there may reasonably appear to be, a conflict between their duties to their clients, their profession, their peers and the public at large and their personal interests.
7. Not act beyond their level of competence or outside their area of expertise.
8. Apply all relevant building laws, regulations and standards strictly and without favour and independent of the influence of interested parties.
9. Perform their inspections and certifying duties impartially and in accordance with the highest professional standards.
10. Not divulge any confidential or sensitive information or material that they become privy to in the performance of their duties, except in accordance with laws governing freedom of information and protection of privacy.
11. To avoid any conduct that could bring Building Officials or the Town of Wasaga Beach into disrepute.
12. Extend professional courtesy to all.
13. Accept responsibility for the conduct of their subordinate employees.
14. Maintain current accreditation to perform the functions assigned to them; and
15. Take all reasonable steps to ascertain and document all available facts relevant to the performance of their duties.
16. Exemplify compliance with all regulations and standards that govern building construction, health and safety or other matters related to their status as a Building Official.

Guideline for responding to misconduct allegations:

The Building Code Act provides that the performance of Building Officials will be measured against this Code of Conduct. In response to any written and signed allegation of a breach of this code, the Chief Building Official shall direct an investigation and where appropriate, recommend disciplinary action against any Building Official who fails to comply with this Code of Conduct. Where the written and signed allegation is against the Chief Building Official, the CAO will direct the investigation and make, to Council, such recommendations as are reasonable.

In determining the appropriate discipline, the Chief Building Official or the CAO and Council will have regard to the relevance of the conduct to the Official's powers and responsibilities as well as the severity of any misconduct.

Disciplinary action arising from violations of this Code of Conduct is the responsibility of the Town's Administration and is subject to relevant Collective Agreements, the Personnel Policy, Employment Laws and Standards.

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