

**To: Council**  
**From: Raymond Champagne, CAO/CLERK**  
**Date: December 11, 2007**  
**Subject: Accountability and Transparency Requirements of Bill 130**

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**Recommendation:**

That the draft Accountability and Transparency policy attached hereto be tabled for discussion and consideration by Council and to allow for public comment and input, and that the final draft Accountability and Transparency Policy be presented to Council for adoption at the next meeting to be held on December 27, 2007.

**Background:**

Bill 130, The Municipal Statute Law Amendment Act, 2006 received third reading and was proclaimed in force on January 1, 2007. One major addition to the Municipal Act, 2001 as a result of Bill 130 is the inclusion of the Accountability and Transparency provisions which were developed as a result of recommendations of Madame Justice Bellamy in her report following the Toronto External Contracts Inquiry (the "Bellamy Report").

It is required that all municipalities adopt and maintain a policy with respect to the manner in which the municipality will try to ensure that it is accountable to the public for its actions, and the manner in which the municipality will try to ensure that its actions are transparent to the public.

A draft Accountability and Transparency Policy is attached for Council's and the public's consideration and includes the following elements:

- . Policy Statement
- . Definition
- . Policy Requirements
- . Review Period
- . Complaint Process

Respectively Submitted,

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Raymond Champagne, CAO/Clerk