

CITY OF WELLAND

POLICY

Policy Title: Accountability and Transparency	
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Policy Statement:

Policies of accountability and transparency of the Corporation of the City of Welland are to be in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended; and in the spirit of intent of empowerment assumed by municipalities under Bill 130 of said Act. Policies of accountability and transparency are to be reviewed regularly and amended when necessary to provide for a level of accountable and transparent service that positively cultivates the interests of the community to be:

- Active and interested in the municipal business of the City of Welland; and
- Satisfied with the level of awareness afforded.

Purpose:

Section 270 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended (the "Act") requires the municipality to 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.

Scope:

Many ingredients of accountability and transparency policy already reside in the Procedural By-law of Council. As well, other provisions in Section 270 of the Act require a municipality to have policies of accountability and transparency for:

- Its sale and disposition of land.
- It's hiring of employees.
- Its procurement of goods and services.
- The circumstances in which the municipality shall provide notice to the public and, if notice is to be provided, the form, manner and times notice shall be given.
- The delegation of its powers and duties.

These By-laws and Policies referenced above represent the policies for accountability and transparency for the Corporation of the City of Welland. This does not preclude that other By-laws and policies of the City of Welland do not contain provisions for accountability and transparency. It is the responsibility of Council, its committees, and the employees of the City of Welland to adhere to the policy of accountability and transparency and to continually monitor and enhance its stated purpose.