

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREATER MADAWASKA

BY – LAW No. 54 – 2009

BEING A BY – LAW TO ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY
FOR COUNCIL AND STAFF OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREATER
MADAWASKA

WHEREAS the Municipal Act provides that municipalities require policies to ensure accountability and transparency for Council and staff;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Greater Madawaska enacts as follows:

1. Definitions:

Accountability is how Council and staff are held to account for their actions and how actions are explained and justified in terms of appropriate criteria and in sufficient detail.

Transparency is the ability of outside parties to observe how decisions are made and implemented.

2. Council and staff will promote accountable and transparent municipal governance guided by the following principles:

- Decision-making will be open and transparent,
- Municipal operations will be conducted in an ethical and accountable manner,
- Financial resources and physical infrastructure will be managed in an efficient and effective manner,
- Municipal information will be accessible so that it is consistent with legislative requirements,
- Inquiries, concerns and complaints will be responded to in a timely manner,
- Financial oversight, service standards and performance reporting and all other accountability documents will be made available and accessible, in language that the public can understand, to increase the opportunity for public involvement in municipal operations,
- Every new delegation of power or authority will have a corresponding accountability mechanism.

3. The Township of Greater Madawaska will try to be accountable and transparent in some of the following ways:

- Hold meetings open to the public
- Provide advance publication of Agendas and Reports
- Declaration of pecuniary interest is considered at all meetings
- Meetings are accessible to the public
- Abide by the Procedural By-Law to Govern the Proceedings of the Council and Committees of the Township of Greater Madawaska

This By-Law shall come into force and take effect upon the passing thereof.

READ a first and second time this 17th day of December, 2009.

READ a third time and passed this 17th day of December, 2009.

Peter Emon, Reeve

Angela Yolkowskie
CAO/Clerk – Treasurer