

**R.M. of Browning No. 34**

**Code of Ethics**

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As a member of the Rural Municipal Council:

1. I will be motivated primarily by an earnest desire to serve my municipality and the people of my community to the best of my ability.
2. I will endeavor to attend all council meetings.
3. I will recognize that the expenditure of municipal funds is a public trust, and I will endeavor to see that all such funds shall be expended efficiently, economically and in the best interest of the municipality.
4. I will not use the municipality or any municipal program for my own personal advantage or for the advantage of my friends.
5. I will do everything possible to maintain the integrity, confidence and dignity of the office of a rural municipal council member.
6. I will listen to what other council members, individuals or groups may have to say before making final decisions.

7. I will endeavor to avoid hostility and bitterness, to observe proper decorum and behavior, to encourage full and open discussions in all matters and not to withhold or conceal from my fellow council members any information or matter in which they should be concerned.
8. I will make no disparaging remarks, in or out of a council meeting, about other members of the council or their opinions, but I reserve the right to make honest and respectful criticism.
9. I will consider it unethical to pursue any procedure calculated to embarrass a fellow member of the council, a member of the municipal staff or another local government body.
10. I will treat my fellow council members, the municipal staff and the public I serve with respect and consideration.
11. I will recognize that authority rests with the council in legal session, and not with individual members of the council.
12. I will abide by majority decisions of the council once they are made.
13. I will not discuss confidential business of council outside of council and committee meetings.
14. I will endeavor to keep informed on all local, provincial and national municipal developments of significance.
15. I will earnestly try to interpret the peoples' needs of the entire municipality and do my best to implement action to meet those needs, keeping in mind budget limitations of the municipality.