

Cunningham Swan Seminar

I attended the above seminar on Oct 25, 2017. Of note was the onus of proof that a contractor is not an employee and entitled to same benefits and pay as an employee is now on the employer, the contract with grass cutting services in our Municipality may require clarification.

In the Municipal act section of note is that we should take the opportunity to review and update our code of conduct, particularly the section dealing with code of conduct complaints. We will need to provide access to an integrity commissioner either by appointing our own, having one on retainer or through a shared service. Powers for the integrity commissioner will be expanded.

For conflict of interest, changes permit an elector or person acting in the public interest to make an application to a judge (includes integrity commissioner)

In the OMB section one theme was empowering NIMBY'S, with the comment that they should not drive the bus, need to get away from "council doesn't want to offend the neighbours"

All in all an informative session and well worth attending

Councillor Villeneuve