

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI CODE OF ETHICS

The citizens of the Rural Municipality of Gimli are entitled to an ethical and effective local government. In order to achieve the highest level of confidence that is duly expected of a democratic local government, a Code of Ethics will apply to all members of Council at all times and to all meetings of Council and to all committee meetings to which Members of Council may be appointed.

The Code outlines certain basic rules for all elected Council members of the Rural Municipality of Gimli so that they may carry out their duties with impartiality and equality of service to all. To this end and in order to achieve high standards of fairness, accountability and transparency, Members of Council shall:

1. Govern their conduct and duties in accordance with the requirements and obligations set out in the applicable Municipal Act of Manitoba and the Bylaws and Policies of the Rural Municipality of Gimli;
2. Use their public office for the public good and not for any private or personal interest.
3. Refrain at all times from abusive conduct, personal charges or verbal attacks upon the character or motives of other members of Council, staff, boards, commissions, committees or the public.
4. Accept a decision by Council once it has been made by the majority of Council.
5. To the best of their ability, represent the official policies and positions of Council. When presenting their own personal opinions or positions, members shall explicitly state that they do not represent the opinion of Council or the Rural Municipality.
6. Respect and preserve the confidentiality of information provided to them concerning the matters of the Rural Municipality and the citizens of Council or the Rural Municipality.
7. Register with the CAO, gifts and tokens of appreciation received from any person, firm or corporation who has direct or indirect dealings with the Rural Municipality of Gimli.
8. Support and maintain a positive and constructive environment for Residents, staff, businesses, and others involved in the activities of the Rural Municipality of Gimli Council.
9. Listen with respect and consideration to concerns and requests of the residents of the Rural Municipality and pass that information on to the CAO.
10. Intervene when actions of any Member of Councils appear to be in violation of this Code of Ethics.

I, Glen Brooks, do hereby affirm that I have read and understood the Rural Municipality of Gimli Code of Ethics and by signing this statement, do hereby affirm my commitment to abide.

DATED this 7th day of January, 2009.



Glen Brooks, Councillor