## SUMMER VILLAGE OF BETULA BEACH ETHICAL GUIDELINES OF CONDUCT FOR ELECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICALS RESOLUTION 02-2006

The proper operation of democratic local government requires that elected officials be independent, impartial and duly responsible to the people.

To this end it is imperative that:

- \* Government decisions and policy be made through the proper channels of Government structure.
- \* Public office not be used for personal gain.
- \* The public have confidence in the integrity of its government.

Accordingly it is the purpose of these guidelines of conduct to outline certain basic rules for all elected local government officials in Alberta so that they may carry out their duties with impartiality and equality of service to all, recognizing that the basic functions of elected local government officials are, at all times, service to their community and the public.

To further these objectives, certain ethical principles should govern the conduct of all elected local government officials in Alberta in order that they shall maintain the highest standards of conduct in public office and faithfully discharge the duties of office without fear or favor.

## **Elected Local Government Officials shall:**

- 1. Govern their conduct in accordance with the requirements and obligations set out in Municipal legislation of the Province of Alberta.
- 2. Not use confidential information for the personal profit of themselves or any other person.
- 3. Not communicate confidential information to any person not entitled to receive same.
- 4. Not use their position to secure special privileges, favors, or exemptions for themselves or any other person.
- 5. Avoid any situation that could cause anyone to believe that they may have brought bias or partiality to a question before Council.
- 6. For a period of twelve months after leaving office, abide by the ethical standards of conduct listed above, except those related to confidential information which shall apply perpetuity.

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Elected local government officials shall not assume that any unethical activities not covered by or specifically prohibited by these ethical guidelines of conduct, or by legislation, are therefore condoned.

Members of Council agree to uphold the intent of these guidelines and to govern their actions accordingly.

Adopted by resolution this 25th day of November, AD 2006

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