POLICY

In all cases where an individual member of Council seeks a legal opinion from the Municipal Solicitor on matters concerning the operations of the District and that member’s duties and responsibilities pertaining thereto, the Council member must first inform the Municipal Manager. The Solicitor’s opinion will be circulated to all members of Council and the Manager for information.

REASON FOR POLICY

1. To ensure that requests for legal opinions from the Municipal Solicitor by individual Council members are handled in consultation with the Municipal Manager.

2. To ensure that the Municipal Manager and Council are kept informed of the opinion requested.

AUTHORITY TO ACT

Delegated to Staff

PROCEDURE

The said Council member must first inform the Municipal Manager orally and describe the main purpose of that enquiry; it being understood that copies of any written replies from the Solicitor automatically would be circulated to the other members of the Council and the Municipal Manager for their information.