

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GORE BAY

**BY-LAW NO. 2007-45**

BEING A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH AN ACCOUNTABILITY  
AND TRANSPARENCY POLICY FOR  
THE TOWN OF GORE BAY

**WHEREAS** Section 270(1)(5) of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, states a municipality shall adopt and maintain policies with respect to the manner in which the municipality will try to ensure that it is accountable to the public for its actions, and the manner in which the municipality will try to ensure that its actions are transparent to the public;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Gore Bay has drafted a policy for the purpose of establishing and recognizing standards for ensuring accountability and transparency of the operations of the Town of Gore Bay;

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GORE BAY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Corporation of the Town of Gore Bay hereby adopts the Accountability and Transparency Policy, a copy which is attached hereto as Schedule "A" to By-Law No. 2007-45;
2. THAT this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon receiving final passing thereof.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS DAY OF , 2007.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS DAY OF , 2007.

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS DAY  
OF  
, 2007.

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK**

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW NO. 2007-45

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GORE BAY

ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY POLICY

<b>POLICY; ACCOUNTABILITY &amp; TRANSPARENCY</b>	<b>COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE: _____ BY-LAW NO. _____</b>
<b>POLICY NO.: AT. 01-07</b>	<b>REVISED DATE: _____ BY-LAW NO.: _____</b>

**PURPOSE / DEFINATION:**

**The purpose of this policy is to establish standards for ensuring accountability and transparency of the operations of the Municipality of The Corporation of the Town of Gore Bay.**

**For the purpose of this policy Accountability refers to the concept or principle that a municipality is responsible for their actions, decisions and policies and may be required to explain them and be answerable for resulting consequences. In many cases accountability also refers to the concept that citizens have the right to know how their money is being spent or that public service is accountable for showing the taxpayer how their money is being spent.**

**For the purpose of this policy Transparency means the concept or principle that the municipality is open, clear and visible to those we serve. Citizens must be able to “see through” a municipality’s inner working to know exactly what goes on when public officials transact public business.**

**APPLICATION:**

**Elected Officials and all Staff of the Town of Gore Bay.**

**POLICY STATEMENT / GUIDELINES:**

**The Municipal Act, Section 270(1)(5) states a Municipality shall adopt and maintain policies with respect to the manner in which the municipality will try to ensure that it is accountable to the public for its actions, and the manner in which the municipality will try to ensure that its actions are transparent to the public.**

**The Corporation of the Town of Gore Bay conducts its day to day operations with a focus on accountability and transparency. Activities and practices which are currently in place which hold the Town accountable and transparent are outlined in Appendix “A” attached hereto and forming part of Policy 01-07.**