



**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PEACE NO. 135**

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<p><b>PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY:</b> To establish a guideline to staff and Elected Officials for provision and use of electronic technology for municipal purposes.</p>		
<p><b>POLICY STATEMENT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. APPLICATION             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1 This policy applies to all staff and Elected Officials who are provided with some form of electronic technology that is to be used for municipal purposes. Technology will include but not be limited to desktop computers, laptops, tablets and cell phones.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. OWNERSHIP             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 All electronic devices, applications and software purchased by the MD are municipal property. Upon termination of employment with the MD of Peace, all electronic devices and software are to be returned to the Municipality unless other arrangements have been made with the CAO.</li> <li>2.2 Elected Officials will be provided with a new tablet, laptop or other similar device upon their election to municipal office to enhance communication effectiveness and to aid them in addressing the needs and concerns of residents. The appropriate electronic equipment available to Council members will be determined by Council at their annual Organizational Meeting.</li> <li>2.3 Elected Officials who complete their term of office will be eligible to keep the electronic device which was provided to them; however, the CAO will arrange to have any MD software and data removed from the device. Elected Officials who do not complete their term of office must return the device to the CAO or may purchase said device using a reasonable form of depreciation to determine the price.</li> <li>2.4 Elected Officials who return for another term of office may also be provided with a new electronic device comparable to the ones to be issued to new Elected Officials.</li> <li>2.5 The CAO and the Assistant CAO will be provided with a new tablet, laptop or other similar device upon commencement of their employment. The CAO shall be entitled to select devices appropriate to their unique responsibilities, providing that the cost for said devices is consistent with those provided to Council</li> <li>2.6 Devices provided to the CAO and Assistant CAO shall be replaced at the same time the Elected Officials start their term of office if the current devices are considered by the CAO to be outdated or worn out.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>		



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3. CELL PHONE ALLOWANCE
  - 3.1 Personnel that are required to use their personal cell phones to fulfill their employment responsibilities shall be entitled to a cell phone allowance. Said allowance will be at the same rate as set by Council at their annual Organizational meeting as a telecommunications allowance.
4. CARE OF TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES
  - 4.1 The user must ensure that municipal electronic equipment remains in good repair, that protective covers or cases are used and that equipment is not subjected to extreme heat or cold. For security purposes, users are encouraged to set a password on the electronic device.
  - 4.2 Occasional or incidental personal use of municipal technology is permitted provided that it does not violate this policy or adversely affect an individual's performance of work-related responsibilities.
  - 4.3 When using municipal technology, users should **not** have a reasonable expectation of privacy.
  - 4.4 The CAO has the authority to monitor and/or seize staff issued technology at any time. Council has the authority to monitor and/or seize municipal issued technology designated to the CAO or Council, initiated by Council resolution.
  - 4.5 All Elected Officials must bring their technology equipment to each Council meeting in order to view the agenda and attachments as required.
  - 4.6 Users of electronic devices must ensure that the device is safe and secure at all times. In the event that the device is lost or stolen, based upon the circumstances, the device may be replaced by the MD at the discretion of the CAO for devices lost by staff members, or through Council motion for devices lost by Council members.
  - 4.7 If a Co a new tablet, laptop or other similar device upon their uncillor or staff member's device quits working and cannot be repaired, it may be replaced with a new one or a refurbished one at the discretion of the CAO, for devices assigned to staff or Council motion for devices assigned to Council members depending on the circumstances and time remaining before regular replacement of devices.

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