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## **MEMORANDUM**

**COTW-C 05-2019**

**Subject: Next Steps – “Final Report” Niagara Region Independent External Governance Auditor**

**Date: April 11, 2019**

**To: Regional Council**

**From: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk**

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The “Final Report” of the Niagara Region Independent External Governance Auditor includes recommendations for processes that directly impact Councillors.

In order to ensure fulsome review of these items, including potential budget implications, staff are recommending that these topics be brought before Council in report format to allow for an in-depth examination of the topics.

### **Council Remuneration**

Council will recall that this topic was being held in abeyance pending Council's receipt of the Independent External Governance Auditor report. As there are budget implications with decisions related to this, staff are committed to bringing a report on the topic of Councillor remuneration to the Corporate Services Committee meeting being held on May 8, 2019.

### **Council Expenses**

Council has a number of options with respect to its expense policy as outlined by Drs. Sancton and Cobban. In order to ensure processes are reasonable and can be undertaken by staff, a report outlining options and alternatives can be prepared for Council's consideration.

### **Code of Conduct**

Correspondence Item COTW-C 06-2019 Appendix 1 includes the draft Code of Conduct presented to the Procedural By-law Review Committee in May 2017. Should Council wish to consider adoption of this Code, it will need to be reviewed to ensure compliance with current legislation.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk