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Human Resources	Chief Administrative Officer – Recruitment, Selection, Offer of Employment, and Performance Management

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1. Policy

Regional Council is committed to engaging in good governance through approved policy and procedures for both the recruitment (attraction, selection and offer of employment) and performance management (performance appraisal, objective setting and development plan) for the position of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

2. Purpose

The CAO is the senior appointed official of the Regional Municipality and provides leadership in all operational areas, policy, government affairs, business/service delivery, and implementation of Council's strategic priorities. Ensuring the CAO is qualified for the role; that the terms and conditions of their employment are appropriate; that their annual performance is properly aligned to key priorities; and that the incumbent is functioning at an appropriate level, is a key accountability of Council.

3. Scope

This policy applies to the role of the CAO, Council, and key designated external vendors and staff roles accountable for execution of the policy.

There are to be no acts of favouritism or discrimination in the CAO recruitment process. Members of Council, staff, external vendors, and anyone else approved to be part of the recruitment process shall not attempt to influence the hiring of any applicant in a manner that is inconsistent with this policy. This includes that no one shall engage in any behaviour that provides an unfair advantage to a candidate during the CAO recruitment process to assist any candidates by providing inside information, such as but not necessarily limited to, interview questions and suggested answers, presentation materials, information about

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other candidates, or any information gathered in meetings, conversations, email or any other form of communication or discussion.

3.1. Roles and Responsibilities

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- Regional Chair: Serves as Chair of the **Recruitment Committee and oversees performance management process**; ensures the requirements of XXX Policy is fulfilled. Includes establishing **Council approved Recruitment Committee** membership, working with any external Executive Search Firm (**ESF**), enforcement of roles and responsibilities, **provide regular detailed updates in writing to Council concerning the recruitment and selection process including particulars of preferred candidate(s)**, along with integrity and confidentiality requirements. Oversees hiring process through Recruitment Committee and ESF selection, to **Council approval** of candidate offer of employment.
- Recruitment Committee Member: **Acts on behalf of members of Council in the recruitment and selection process**. Engages in all procedural elements as outlined in respective XXX Procedure. Includes mandatory attendance at all meetings and interviews, engaging in the development of selection criteria and position profile development as required, **collaborating with the Chair and ESF on providing regular detailed updates in writing to Council concerning the recruitment and selection process including particulars of preferred candidate(s)**. Requires alignment to all integrity and confidentiality requirements.
- Director, Human Resources: Facilitates the recruitment process on behalf of the Regional Chair and Recruitment Committee, **and the performance management process**. Serves as primary contact point for any ESF; provides guidance and advice to the Chair and Recruitment Committee members ensuring best practices and legal interests of the corporation are upheld, **supports the Chair and Recruitment Committee in the preparation of regular detailed written update(s) to Council**, leads the procurement of an ESF, facilitates Legal consultation and candidate offer of employment and/or offer letter creation, and any amendment to the employment contract; is required to attend all meetings with the Recruitment Committee and with Council, and any other meetings upon request of the Chair.
- Executive Search Firm (ESF): An external firm or specialized consultant who works with the Chair and Recruitment Committee to confirm the CAO profile, position

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competencies, and search, selection and offer strategy. **ESF** accountabilities will align with the **defined** scope of work, which may include but not necessarily limited to – attraction, screening of prospective candidates, development of short list of candidates to be interviewed by the Committee, including they may support the interview, reference **checking** and offer of employment process as required.

Required to attend meeting(s) of Council to provide detailed updates to members of Council concerning the recruitment and selection process, be prepared to present to Council on its processes to short list candidates, provide candid feedback on the recruitment process, provide observation(s) on any short listed candidates, along with responding to any inquiries made by members of Council.

- **Acting/Interim CAO:** A member of the Region's Corporate Leadership Team or an external person appointed by Council to fulfil the duties of the CAO on an acting or temporary basis. The appointment of the Acting CAO does not preclude their candidacy in the selection process for a permanent CAO. If they are not a candidate for the permanent role, they may participate as a member of the Recruitment Committee if approved by the Chair and Recruitment Committee. However, if they are a candidate for the position as permanent CAO, they are not permitted to participate or influence the recruitment process and must excuse themselves from all business associated with same.
- **Regional Clerk:** Ensures required governance related supports and advice to ensure effective completion of the process; provides agenda and meeting management functions; is required to attend all meetings with the Recruitment Committee and with Council, and any other meetings upon request of the Chair.
- **Regional Council:** Responsible for the hiring of the CAO and all associated approvals noted within this Policy and its Procedures. ***Attendance at any meeting of Council where matters pertaining to the CAO recruitment, selection, and offer of employment are being discussed.***

3.1.2. Performance Management

- **Regional Chair:** Ensures the mandate of the XXX Procedure is fulfilled annually. Includes development and execution of annual performance management schedule, providing feedback to CAO; enforcement of roles and responsibilities, annual rating selection, report creation to Council, annual objective and development plan setting with the CAO as well as integrity and confidentiality requirements.
- **Chief Administrative Officer:** Completing annual assessment; engaging in all aspects of the process as laid out in this XXX policy and the procedure document.

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- Engaging in the performance appraisal process, and development of annual objectives and development plan.
- Director, Human Resources: Initiates and facilitates the performance appraisal process and creation of annual objective and development plan on behalf of the Regional Chair in accordance with the Region's Non-Union Performance Management Program. Sources and serves as primary point of contact for additional resources or supports such as Legal or Consultants. Provides guidance and advice to the Chair as required, is required to attend all meetings with Council, and any other meetings upon request of the Chair.
 - Regional Clerk: Ensures required governance related supports and advice to ensure effective completion of the process; provides agenda and meeting management functions; is required to attend all meetings with Council, and any other meetings upon request of the Chair.
 - Regional Council: Responsible for the evaluation of the performance of the CAO and all associated approvals noted within this Policy and Procedures. ***Attendance at any meeting of Council where matters pertaining to CAO performance management are being discussed.***

4. References and Related Documents.

List related legislation, directives, By-laws and associated procedures

4.1. Legislation, By-Laws and/or Directives

- Municipal Act, 2001
- Employment Standards Act, 2000
- CAO By-law # XXX

4.2. Procedures

- XXX – Chief Administrative Officer Recruitment, Selection, Offer of Employment
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5. Related Policies

- Non-Union Compensation C-HR-001
- Employment and Staffing C-HR-010

6. Document Control

The electronic version of this document is recognized as the only valid version.

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