## LOWER NIPIT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT POLICY No. 5: Trustee Code of Conduct Board Resolution dated May 15, 2024

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Lower Nipit Improvement District (LNID) encourages and welcomes all trustees and board members to express their views and opinions. However, it also acknowledges that the trustee position is an elected position and that voters have a right to expect trustees to carry out Improvement District business in a manner that inspires confidence and with acceptable and respectful behaviours. The LNID recognizes the public trust and responsibility that both the trustees and the Board have been entrusted with by voters and that carries this trust and responsibility is best honoured by determining and enforcing norms of acceptable behaviour, conducting Board business in a collaborative manner and not confusing voters with conflicting statements and messages representing Board positions.

## **PROCEDURES**

Trustees of the Board shall discharge their duties impartially and in a manner that will inspire public confidence in the integrity of the Board.

Trustees shall ensure that their comments are issue-based and not personal, demeaning or disparaging with regard to fellow Board members.

When expressing individual views, Trustees shall respect the differing points of view of other Trustees on the Board and the public.

All Trustees of the Board shall endeavour to work with other Trustees of the Board in a spirit of respect, openness, courtesy, and co-operation.

All Trustees of the Board shall accept that authority rests with the Board, and that a Trustee has no individual authority other than that delegated by the Board. Each Trustee shall uphold the implementation of any Board resolution after it is passed by the Board. A proper motion for reconsideration can be brought by a Trustee at a future date.

Trustee may respectfully state his or her position on a resolution provided it does not in any way undermine the implementation of the resolution.

Each Trustee shall comply with Board policies, procedures, By-Laws, and Rules of Order.

The Chair of the Board is the spokesperson to the public on behalf of the Board, unless otherwise determined by the Board. No other Trustee shall speak on behalf of the

Board unless expressly authorized by the Chair of the Board or Board to do so. When individual Trustees express their opinions in public, they must make it clear that they are not speaking on behalf of the Board.