

## Attachment 2 – Revised Live Streaming and Recording of Council Meetings Policy

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**Subject:** RE: livestreaming policy - section 3 disclaimer, covering council comments

Hi Meghan

I had to speak with a few people internally here.

3.1 and 3.2 are straightforward and reasonable, however I wanted to clarify the intent of 3.3.

3.3 **No protection will be afforded to Council officials** or the public by the Town Council or the Town of Grand Valley for comments and statements made during the live streaming of Council Meetings which may be or are subsequently challenged in a Court of Law and determined to be potentially defamatory or inappropriate.

I'm not concerned with the mention of the public in this section as they wouldn't be protected, but is the intent of this to advise that Councillors themselves will not be protected by the Town (and it's insurance) for comments they make and may subsequently be challenged on? Technically there could be insurance coverage for them as elected officials and though this is included in the disclaimer, it would not prevent them from seeking coverage under the Town's policy.

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Hi Colin,

We are going to start livestreaming and recording our council meetings this fall. We have drafted a policy for this service, and wonder if Intact has comment/concern about section 3 – “Disclaimer” of the attached draft, in terms of protection afforded to council for comments and statements. Could you have a read and let us know your thoughts?

Thank you,



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