

Title: Cyber Security

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Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to detect, describe and educate users about cyber security in order to prevent cyber-attacks and maximize Greenview’s online security. The cyber security policy of Greenview outlines guidelines to protect data and technology infrastructure against human errors, hacker attacks and system malfunctions.

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. **CAO** means the Chief Administrative Officer.
- 1.2. **Corporate Technology** means any computer hardware or software, network service, and any electronic or digital device supported by the Information Systems, including (but not limited to): laptops, desktops, VoIP, smartphones, etc.
- 1.3. **Cybersecurity** means the practice of protecting systems, networks, and programs from digital attacks. These attacks are usually aimed at accessing, changing, or destroying sensitive information; extorting money from users; or interrupting normal business processes.
- 1.4. **Common Threats** means Phishing, Pharming, Spoofing, Botnets, Distributed denial-of-service, Hacking, Malware, Ransomware, Spam, Spyware, Trojan Horses, Viruses, Wi-Fi Eavesdropping, Worms.
- 1.5. **Greenview** means the Municipal District of Greenview No. 16.
- 1.6. **IS** means Information Systems.
- 1.7. **IT** means Information Technology.
- 1.8. **Users** means all individuals authorized by Greenview to use Greenview’s corporate technology, which includes access to the Internet.

2. POLICY

- 2.1. Guiding Principles:
 - A) Cyber Security is everyone’s responsibility.
 - B) Cyber Security is a process, not a product.
 - C) Cyber Security requires a multi-layered defence strategy.

- 2.2. The Internet has become an essential part of everyday life, but it is also a breeding ground for criminal activity, where corporate technology can be monitored and information compromised. Corporate technology is frequently used in critical operations to collect and store sensitive and personal information.
- 2.3. Greenview corporate technology users must be aware of common threats, risks, and implement IT procedures. The IS Department will maintain cyber security to the best of their ability; however, it is every user's responsibility to maintain and maximize cyber security.

3. PROCEDURE

- 3.1. Corporate devices that access Greenview email are automatically configured to require passwords.
- 3.2. Corporate user account passwords expire every ninety (90) days.
- 3.3. Workstations will lock and logout after thirty (30) minutes of inactivity.
- 3.4. Meeting room workstations will lock themselves after sixty (60) minutes of inactivity.
- 3.5. The IS Department may change an employee's password (with proper notification) to perform system maintenance and support.

4. EMPLOYEE AND COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1. Be aware of and adhere to this policy.
- 4.2. Reset passwords when prompted.
- 4.3. Report any activity to the IS Department that seems suspicious, such as spam emails.
- 4.4. Ensure the off-site physical security of Greenview issued technology.
- 4.5. Promptly report the loss or theft of corporate devices, or personal devices configured to access Greenview's email, to a Supervisor or manager, or in the case of a Council Member, to the CAO.
- 4.6. Do not share passwords with anyone for any reason. Any request for an employee password should be reported to the IS Department or the contracted support team.
- 4.7. Do not write passwords in a place that is easy to find.
- 4.8. Do not apply any unauthorized applications, functionality, or components to corporate technology.
- 4.9. Do not tamper with corporate technology, such as modifying the operating system or installing software to circumvent security controls.

- 4.10. Do not use compromised technology to connect to the corporate network or information systems.
- 4.11. Do not connect personal devices or network equipment to the wired network.
- 4.12. Do not use unfamiliar storage devices, click on links or open attachments from unfamiliar emails, as these activities may result in Viruses or other digital threats.
- 4.13. Lock corporate devices when leaving equipment unattended for any period.
- 4.14. Corporate devices must be restarted or logged off versus shutdown to enable IS to provide remote support and maintenance.
- 4.15. Corporate information must be stored on the network storage options provided to employees, and not locally on any device.

5. MANAGER AND DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1. Ensure employees are aware of their responsibilities to manage cyber security.

6. IS DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1. Protect the corporate environment from abuse and security breaches to maintain the safety, effectiveness, stability, as well as the confidentiality of Greenview's information.
- 6.2. Develop corporate technology security and put protocols and procedures in place to protect the IT environment.
- 6.3. Secure, manage and monitor Greenview technology infrastructure to guard against inappropriate use, system intrusion or failure.
- 6.4. Approve, document, and maintain any exception to this policy.