



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Reimbursement of Legal Expenses pursuant to Members' Code of Conduct

<b>Date:</b>	December 19, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Employee and Labour Relations Committee
<b>From:</b>	City Solicitor
<b>Wards:</b>	All Wards
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

#### SUMMARY

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To report and recommend reimbursement of Councillor Augimeri's legal expenses with respect to a Code of Conduct complaint.

#### RECOMMENDATION

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**The City Solicitor recommends that City Council:**

1. authorize indemnification of Councillor Augimeri's legal expenses in the amount of \$6,381.59 from the Councillor's Office Budget.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

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Funds are available in the Councillor's Office Budget.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial impact.

#### DECISION HISTORY

CC7.1 Report on Violation of Clause XI of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cc/bgrd/cc7.1.pdf>

## **COMMENTS**

Councillor Augimeri has submitted invoices totalling \$7,630.27 for legal services provided to her in connection with a complaint under the Code of Conduct Complaint Protocol under the Members Code of Conduct.

The indemnification provisions provide that the request is to be processed under the Indemnification Policy for Members of Council which requires that the City Solicitor shall provide a report and a recommendation to the Employee and Labour Relations Committee and to City Council for their consideration.

The policy further requires that the Member of Council shall be reimbursed keeping in mind the 2005 Costs Grid.

I have reviewed the invoices submitted by the Councillor which were recalculated to be consistent with current costs. While the recommended reimbursement does not provide for a full recovery, the amount is reasonable in my view.

I have consulted with the Integrity Commissioner.

The invoices otherwise comply with Council's policy for indemnification pursuant to the Council Code of Conduct Complaint Protocol and it would be appropriate for City Council to authorize the indemnification of Councillor Augimeri's legal expenses in the amount of \$6,381.59.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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