



REFERRAL OF MEMBER MOTION BY CITY COUNCIL

2009 Salary Freeze for the Mayor and Toronto City Council

Date:	January 29, 2009
To:	Executive Committee
From:	City Council
Wards:	All

City Council Decision

City Council on January 27 and 28, 2009, referred Motion MM30.1 to the Executive Committee.

Recommendations

Councillor Ootes, seconded by Councillor Stintz, recommends:

1. That Toronto City Council freeze the cost-of-living salary increase for 2009 for the Mayor and City Councillors as of January 1, 2009.

Summary

The City of Toronto has been impacted by the ongoing economic crisis that exists across Canada, the U.S., and the world. In times of this fiscal uncertainty it is important that the City of Toronto demonstrate restraint and prudent financial management to ensure the taxpayers of Toronto are not further burdened with increased costs and they are receiving the best value for their tax dollars.

Toronto City Council must follow the lead of the Federal Conservative and Provincial Liberal governments, as this is a non-partisan issue, by taking important steps to reduce discretionary spending wherever possible including putting a freeze on the salaries of the Mayor and City Councillors.

Therefore, the Mayor and Members of City Council should cancel the cost-of-living salary increase for 2009. In doing so, Toronto City Council will act as an example to other municipalities and to the residents of Toronto in these difficult financial times.

Background Information (City Council)
Fiscal Impact Statement (January 28, 2009) from the Acting Deputy City Manager and
Chief Financial Officer

(Submitted to City Council on January 27 and 28, 2009 as MM30.1)