

INQUIRY OF THE MAYOR

From: Councillor Michael Walker
Date: January 15, 2009
Subject: One Cent Now Campaign – Further Questions

You embarked upon the “One Cent Now” campaign in February 2007 to convince the Federal government to give municipalities 1% (20% of GST total revenues) of the currently 5% Goods and Services Tax (GST). This campaign apparently originated in your office and City Council was not involved in its development or approval.

In 2007, \$150,000.00 of taxpayer dollars were spent on this campaign, without City Council’s consideration or endorsement – this issue has never been discussed at City Council.

As a supporter of this campaign has never had an opportunity to endorse it, I submit the following questions:

- 1) Have you formally requested a personal meeting with the Prime Minister to discuss your One Cent Now Campaign?
- 2) If so, what was the Prime Minister’s reply?
- 3) How much City funding was allocated to the One Cent Now Campaign in 2008, including funding allocated to Strategic Communications to support this campaign?

Sincerely,

Michael Walker
Councillor – St. Paul’s

January 26, 2009

MEMORANDUM

To: Councillor Michael Walker
From: Mayor David Miller
Re: One Cent Now Campaign

Thank you for your support of the One Cent Now Campaign.

As you know, sharing the equivalent of one cent of the Goods and Services Tax with municipalities is the national position of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Big City Mayors.

I invite you to read the BCMC reports *Our Cities Our Future* and *Sharing the Wealth for a Strong and Prosperous Canada*. These positions have all been presented to the Federal Government and all parties.

Mayor David Miller