

**City Council**

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

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**2009 Salary Freeze for the Mayor and Toronto City Council - Moved by Councillor Ootes, seconded by Councillor Stintz**

- Notice of this Motion has been given.*
- This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

**Recommendations**

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.

City Council - January 27, 2009