
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM51.1	ACTION			Ward: All
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Request for Repayment of \$12,000 by Councillor Rae - by Councillor Ford, seconded by Councillor Del Grande

** 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

Councillor Ford, seconded by Councillor Del Grande, recommends that:

1. City Council direct Councillor Kyle Rae to re-imburse the City of Toronto for the full amount of any expenses related to his June 7, 2010 party that have been paid for through his Councillor Office Budget.
2. City Council direct that Councillor Kyle Rae not be re-imbursed by the City of Toronto for any expenses related to his June 7, 2010 party.

Summary

On June 7, 2010 media reports indicated that Councillor Kyle Rae had an event at the Rosewater Supper Club. The event was described as a constituency meeting which is within Council Expense Policy.

It would appear this meeting was to recognize the long-term service of the Councillor to his Ward and the City of Toronto.

The cost for this event was reportedly \$12,000 and would represent a lavish amount which has caused an embarrassment to a number of Councillors. The justification for this expenditure is that the Councillor had a surplus in his election funds. While there may have been a surplus, taxpayers provided rebates to contributors and there were maximum spending guidelines.

These funds are coming from the Office Budget Account of Council. The visual presented is that Councillors are "entitled" to expend funds on themselves because "they are deserving" of honouring themselves.

This conduct sends a poor message of responsible use of taxpayers' dollars and reflects little regard for prudent fiscal spending.

(Submitted to City Council on July 6 and 7, 2010 as MM51.1)