

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM51.4	ACTION			Ward:All
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Removing certain expenditures from the 2014 Council General Expense Budget - by Mayor Rob Ford, seconded by Councillor Doug Ford

** 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

Mayor Rob Ford, seconded by Councillor Doug Ford, recommends that:

1. City Council direct that Councillor constituency offices, wireless devices and services and newsletter entitlements will no longer be paid from the Council General Expense Budget and will instead be paid out of individual Councillor Constituency Services and Office Budgets, and that the City Clerk amend the Constituency Services and Office Budget Policy accordingly.

Summary

The Council General Expense Budget pays for centralized resources and support to Councillors.

Prior to 2012, this budget has paid for general expenses such as insurance reserve contributions, printers and shared copiers, office supplies, staff replacements, legal fees and severance for members of Council and Council staff.

In 2012, the use of the budget was expanded to also pay for individual Councillor expenses for constituency offices, wireless devices and services, and newsletter distribution. These individual expenses were previously paid for by the Councillor office budgets.

Councillors should be fully accountable for expenses in these areas. To enhance transparency of Councillor expenses, Council should amend the Constituency Services and Office Budget Policy so that expenses related to individual Councillor constituency offices, wireless devices and services, and newsletter entitlements will no longer be paid from the Council General Expense Budget. These expenses will continue to be eligible expenses from the Constituency Services and Office Budget.

It is expected that this will achieve an estimated saving of \$300,000 in expenditures from the

Council General Expense Budget.

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Background Information (City Council)

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