

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM3.2	ACTION			Ward: All
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2011 Salary Freeze for Mayor and Councillors - by Councillor Mike Del Grande, 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

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

1. City Council cancel the cost of living salary increase for 2011 for Mayor and Councillors.

Summary

The financial situation at City Hall was a major topic in the 2010 Municipal Election. During the campaign, candidates for Mayor and Councillors heard loud and clear from residents of Toronto who asked for fiscal responsibility in the government. In response, Mayor Ford and Toronto City Council voted to reduce Councillors' office budget to \$30,000. Meanwhile, City Manager requested all departments to reduce their budgets.

Toronto is still recovering from the global economic crisis. Each day, we encounter constituents who are looking for jobs because they were laid off or unemployed. Businesses are struggling in this crisis, they are faced with tough choices, often either laying off workers or shutting down. City government is no different in this regard; we have to make tough choices in order to resolve the structural deficit and bring the City's budget back on track. As we enter into contract negotiation with City employees, it is important that we provide a clear mandate in our objectives.

As Members of Council, we must lead by example and cancel the cost of living increase for 2011.

(Submitted to City Council on February 7, 2011 as MM3.2)