

Remuneration and Expenses of Members of Council and of Council Appointees to Agencies, Corporations and Other Bodies for the year ended December 31, 2022

Date: March 31, 2023

To: Executive Committee

From: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the City Clerk

Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report is submitted for information purposes as required under Section 223 (1) of the City of Toronto Act, 2006. It provides an itemized statement on remuneration and expenses of Members of Council and of Council appointees to agencies, corporations and other bodies for the year ended December 31, 2022. As 2022 was an Election Year, this report covers Members of Council who were in office until November 14, 2022, the end of the last four year term of Council, and those that took office November 15, 2022, for the next four year term of Council.

Accounting Services is responsible for compiling information from the City's divisions, agencies and corporations, while City Clerk's Office, Member Services and Program Support compiles information from Council specific accounts.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the City Clerk recommend that:

1. Executive Committee receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from receipt of this report. An itemized statement on remuneration and expenses of Members of Council and of Council appointees to agencies, corporations and other bodies for 2022 is included in the 2022 Remuneration and Expenses of Members of Council and of Council Appointees

appendices. Council transition costs including severance payments made in an election year, were accommodated within the 2022 budget. The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed the report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

In accordance with Section 223 (1) of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, an annual report is to be provided to Council on the remuneration and expenses of Members of Council and of Council Appointees to Agencies, Corporations and Other Bodies. The Executive Committee considered the 2021 remuneration report on May 4, 2022:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.EX32.5>

COMMENTS

Section 223 (1) of the City of Toronto Act, 2006 requires that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer shall, in each year on or before March 31, provide to City Council, an itemized statement on remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year to:

(a) each Member of Council in respect of his or her services as a Member of the Council or any other body, including a local board, to which the Member has been appointed by Council or on which the Member holds office by virtue of being a Member of Council;

(b) each Member of Council in respect of his or her services as an officer or employee of the City or as an officer or employee of another body described in clause (a); and,

(c) each person, other than a Member of Council, appointed by the City to serve as a member of any body, including a local board, in respect of his or her services as a member of the body.

This report fulfills this requirement. It is also posted on the City's website:

<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/council/budgets-and-expense-reports/>

Structure of the report

As 2022 was an Election Year, the Members of Council listed in the Appendices include those that were in office until November 14, 2022, the end of the last four year term of Council, and those that took office November 15, 2022, for the next four year term of Council.

Attachment 1 summarizes the remuneration earned and expenses incurred by Members of Council for the year up to December 31, 2022, including remuneration and expenses paid by agencies, corporations, other bodies and City divisions.

Appendix A includes severance pay for those Councillors who did not seek re-election in 2022 or did not get re-elected in accordance with Municipal Code, Chapter 223, Article 2, as follows:

223-2-2. Eligibility to receive remuneration.

- A member who has served as a member of the Council for a minimum period of 30 days shall be paid severance remuneration upon ceasing to be a member.
- No severance remuneration shall be paid where the member's seat becomes vacant by reason of, or the member resigns and the resignation is a result of or given in anticipation of the following:
 - The member being disqualified to be a member of the Council under the provisions of any Act of the Parliament of Canada or any Act of the Legislature of the Province of Ontario; or
 - The seat of the member of the Council becoming vacant by reason of the operation of any Act of the Parliament of Canada or any Act of the Legislature of the Province of Ontario.

223-2-3. Amount

- The severance remuneration payable under 223-2-2 shall be equal to 1/12 of the member's annual remuneration, at the rate in force immediately before the member ceases to be a member, for each year of consecutive service to a maximum of 12 years.
- Where a member's eligible years of consecutive service includes part of a year, the severance remuneration payable shall be calculated in proportion to the time actually served.

223-2-4. Severance Remuneration

- The severance remuneration may be paid in two payments at the request of the member.

Severance paid in 2022 was high as a result of the large turnover of nine Councillors.

In accordance with the Constituency Services and Office Budget Policy, there are a number of restrictions on member spending in an election year. Various restrictions apply to members not seeking re-election, all members after August 1 and until Election Day and those members not returning to Council. The restrictions include, but are not limited to, not being permitted to organize community events, place advertisements, distribute electronic newsletters including mass e-mails, print and distribute flyers or newsletters, purchase office equipment, or attend conferences.

The details for each Member under different categories of expenditures are provided as follows:

- Appendix A: Remuneration and Benefits for Members of Council including mid-term and end of term Severance
- Appendix B1: Councillors' Expenses from the Constituency Services and Office Budget

- Appendix B2: Expenses from the Council General Expense Budget for Members of Council
- Appendix C1: Conference and Other Travel Expenses for Members of Council Paid from City Funds
- Appendix C2: Conference and Other Travel Expenses for Members of Council Paid from Non-City Funds
- Appendix C3: Council Staff Travel Expenses
- Appendix D: Expenses for Members of Council Charged to City Divisions
- Appendix E: Remuneration and Expenses of Members of Council Paid by Agencies, Corporations and Other Bodies
- Appendix F: Mayor's Office Expenses

Appendix G provides a listing of remuneration and expenses of Council appointees to agencies, corporations and other bodies including Members of Council. The agencies, corporations and other bodies have confirmed payments are in accordance with the City Citizen Remuneration Policy, and Expense and Travel Reimbursement Policy.

Members of Council appointed to agencies, corporations and other bodies are not entitled to any additional remuneration. The exception to this policy is the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and Waterfront Toronto which is governed by specific provincial legislation.

Appendix H provides the authority for payment of remuneration and expenses for both Members of Council and Council appointees to agencies, corporations and other bodies.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Summary of Remuneration and Expenses for Members of Council

Appendix A: Remuneration and Benefits for Members of Council

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Appendix G: Remuneration and Expenses of Council Appointees to Agencies, Corporations and Other Bodies

Appendix H: Authority for Payment of Remuneration and Expenses