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Subject: [External Sender] Strong Opposition Against Reimbursement of Legal Fees for Councillor Chris Moise

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the request to have taxpayers cover \$28,105.93 in legal fees incurred by Chris Moise.

As I understand it, this matter relates to findings by the City's Integrity Commissioner that Councillor Moise breached the Code of Conduct. In situations where misconduct has been formally identified, it is difficult to justify shifting the associated financial burden onto the public.

Although there may be policies that permit reimbursement under certain conditions, applying them in this instance risks weakening the principle of accountability. Public funds are limited and should be directed toward services and priorities that benefit residents broadly, rather than covering expenses tied to individual conduct issues.

The amount itself also raises questions. Legal fees approaching \$30,000 for a matter of this nature seem significant and, at minimum, merit careful review before any approval is considered.

Given the current financial pressures facing residents, including rising costs and property taxes during the administration of Olivia Chow, it is especially important that decisions around spending reflect prudence and fairness.

For these reasons, I would encourage City Council to decline this reimbursement request and to reaffirm the expectation that elected officials are responsible for the consequences of their own actions.

I would also ask that this correspondence be included in the public record.

Sincerely,

Stavro Stathonikos