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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the April 22, 2026 City Council meeting on item 2026.CC40.1, Payment of Legal Expenses Related to an Integrity Commissioner Investigation and MAKE MY COMMENTS PUBLIC, ON THE RECORD AND VISIBLE TO ALL ONLINE CITY OF TORONTO WEBSITE

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Comments:

Dear Members of Toronto City Council,

I am writing to express my profound shock and disgust at the consideration of using taxpayer dollars to cover Councillor Chris Moise's legal expenses following the findings of the Integrity Commissioner.

Notwithstanding the deeply concerning absence of any penalties in the Integrity Commissioner's report, Councillor Moise was unequivocally found to have violated Toronto's Councillor Code of Conduct. That finding alone should disqualify any consideration of reimbursing his legal fees. To proceed otherwise would fundamentally undermine the principles of accountability and deterrence that are meant to guide Council's governance.

If Council approves the payment of these legal expenses, it will send a troubling message:

- That even when a councillor is found guilty of misconduct, there is a high likelihood of facing no meaningful consequences.
- That taxpayers may ultimately bear the financial burden of a councillor's personal misconduct.
- That such behaviour is, in effect, tolerated or even condoned.

Toronto taxpayers have already funded the Integrity Commissioner's investigation into this matter. At a minimum, Council should fully understand the cost of that investigation and scrutinize why Councillor Moise's legal expenses are reportedly so high before even contemplating further public expenditure.

To reimburse any portion of these legal fees would be egregious. It risks normalizing discreditable conduct and further eroding public trust in both City Council and the Integrity Commissioner's office. Many Torontonians already question whether the current accountability framework is fit for purpose; this decision will either reinforce or challenge those concerns.

Council now has what may be its final opportunity to send a clear and unequivocal message: that violations of the Councillor Code of Conduct will not be rewarded, subsidized, or excused at the expense of taxpayers.

I strongly urge you to reject any proposal to reimburse Councillor Moise's legal costs.

Sincerely,  
Giuseppe Scoleri