



CITY OF ST. ALBERT ADMINISTRATIVE BACKGROUNDER

TITLE: CRRC: COMPENSATION FOR OUTSIDE BOARDS/AGENCIES

PURPOSE OF REPORT

On January 13, 2017 Councillor Heron provided notice in accordance with Section 23 of Procedure Bylaw 35/2009 that she intended to bring forward the proposed motion below.

In order for Council to debate the motion, the motion must be formally moved.

PROPOSED MOTION(S):

That Council members who of their own accord decide to serve on a board or agency that is not part of the council appointment list should be entitled to receive whatever added compensation accrues, but will submit an annual report to the city for public disclosure.

BACKGROUND:

At the January 16, 2017 Special Meeting, Council voted to accept Recommendation 2.1 from the Council Remuneration and Expense Reimbursement – Final Report. The recommendation stated “That all Council Member Per diems provided by the City be eliminated”. In the Rationale/Comments section of their Final Report the Committee suggested that that Council Members who have “volunteered to serve on or have been elected to serve on” committees should be allowed to keep any per-diems paid out by those organizations. However, they went on to suggest that they should not have to report this to the City.

If the motion is passed, Council Members would be permitted to keep per-diems for committees that are not on a council appointment list (similar to Recommendation 2.1) but would require that they submit an annual report to the City for public disclosure.

The motion refers to a “council appointment list”. Administration recommends that if the Motion is passed that Council formally adopt such a list, and that this list be updated either at a regular interval, or else from time to time as required.

Administration in its November 21, 2016 Report to Council recommended that Council members disclose all involvement and interest in Board/Agency/Committees and further that a policy should be developed identifying specifically which Board/agency/committees are deemed as Council Appointments versus those committees members of council have been asked to serve on by the organization because of their skills. Via an amendment, this requirement could be added to City Council Policy C-CC-15 City Council Appointments to Federal, Provincial, and Regional Boards and Committees.

Further, Administration recommends that Council determine:

- what information be required to be disclosed in an annual report;
- whether a standardized form should be developed for Council Members to fill out for annual disclosure reports; and
- the manner to be used for public disclosure of submitted annual reports.

Report Date: February 21, 2017

Author(s): Ryan Osterberg

Committee/Department: Legislative Services

General Manager: Maya Pungur-Buick

City Manager: Kevin Scoble