

Council Memorandum

Date:	June 4, 2024
To:	Committee of the Whole
From:	Councillor Joyce
Re:	Council Expense Policy

Recommendation

That the Memorandum from Councillor Joyce regarding, **the Council Expense Policy**, be received; and

That the Council Expense Policy be revised to include a one-time \$500 capital expense allowance for security camera(s) installed at their primary and/or secondary home; and

That the Council Expense Policy be revised to include a \$50 monthly expense allowance for home security monitoring; and

That the Council Expense Policy be revised to increase the monthly cell phone expense allowance to \$100 per month; and

That the Council Expense Policy be revised to increase the monthly internet expense allowance to \$100 per month; and

That this recommendation be forwarded to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Rationale

Regarding the inclusion of security cameras and security monitoring as allowable expenses: the email, social media, verbal and in-person threats of physical violence and



and/or intimidation experienced by Councillors from constituents has reached a level of concern where additional measures are now required to help protect the safety of Councillors and their families.

Regarding the increase to cell phone and internet expenses, the costs have increased and the Council Expense Policy needs to keep pace with inflationary pressures. Staff have reviewed the proposal and support the recommendations.

See potential impact to budget:

Per Councillor Per Year Cost							
50 monthly	600 yearly	Security Monitoring					
100 monthly	1200 yearly	Cell Phone					
	900 current cost						
100 monthly	1200 yearly	Internet					
	720 current cost						
Additional Annual Cost Range							
1-9 Members of Council							
Minimum	Maximum						
600	5400	Security Monitoring					
300	2700	Additional Cell Phone Cost					
480	4320	Additional Internet Cost					
1380	12420	Total Additional Cost					
500	4500	Per Term Capital Cost of Security					
Current Budget	Budget 2024	*Actual 2024	Actual 2023	Actual 2022	Actual 2021	Actual 2020	Actual 2019
Phone/Internet	10000	3223.16	4,145.28	8,163.09	8,537.05	8,222.41	10,727.94
Office Supplies	3500	556.04	1,020.49	1,244.55	3,715.63	3,900.35	790.18
		*through April					



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