



Report Number: EC2024-0715

Meeting: Executive Committee

Meeting Date: 2024 June 11

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Councillors' Budgets and Expenses - Hosting

Sponsoring Members of Council: Councillor Chabot and Councillor McLean

WHEREAS Councillors' Budgets and Expenses – Out of town Travel Policy PAC007, Effective Date: 2003 October 28 was rescinded with the coming into force of Bylaw 36M2021 on May 10, 2021.

AND WHEREAS section 17 (5) of Bylaw 36M2021 provides, with respect to hosting by Councillors, that "Hosting when travelling is limited to \$100 per day per *Councillor* and this amount may be accrued over the course of the trip (e.g., for a four day trip, \$400 is available for hosting)."

AND WHEREAS the amount in this bylaw has not changed since PAC007 which also specified \$100 per day (under section V "Miscellaneous"). PAC007 was first adopted in 2003 and last amended in 2015 prior to being rescinded by Bylaw 36M2021.

AND WHEREAS this amount is not reflective of current meal prices or inflationary costs.

AND WHEREAS Councillors Chabot and McLean have incurred expenses totaling \$846.18 each and such expenses were reasonable because: In the Councillors' opinions, these expenses should have been considered business expenses due to the appointment by Council to act as the City of Calgary's representatives.

AND WHEREAS these expenses were denied by the CFO's delegate under Bylaw 36M2021 for exceeding the \$100 daily limit on hosting;

AND WHEREAS the Councillors submitted their claims as a business expense due to the nature of the expense being that their participation was as designated representatives for the City of Calgary.

AND WHEREAS Bylaw 36M2021 delegates authority to Executive Committee to review and approve expenses denied by the CFO's delegate pursuant to section 14 which reads:

Executive Committee

14. (1) The Executive Committee is responsible for:

- (a) deciding any appeals brought by *Councillors* of decisions made by the *CFO's* designate to deny an expense claim or seek reimbursement of an expenditure made on the Corporate Credit Card; and
- (b) approving or denying further expenditures by *Councillors* who have exceeded their annual *Ward Budget*.

(2) Decisions of the Executive Committee are final.

(3) Appeals to the Executive Committee may be brought by a *Councillor* by way of notice of motion provided to the City Clerk two (2) weeks prior to the Committee meeting date and copied to the *CFO* and the City Clerk or delegate.

AND WHEREAS Councillors Chabot and McLean wish to appeal the denial of the expense noted above through this Notice of Motion, which has been provided to the City Clerk two weeks prior to the June 11, 2024, meeting of Executive Committee pursuant to section 10(j) and 14(1) of the bylaw.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Executive Committee approve the Councillors' supplementary expenses of \$346.18 dollars each, in excess of the \$500.00 hosting allowance, as a reasonable expense for the reasons listed above.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Executive Committee recommend that Council direct administration to bring forward amendments to the hosting provisions of Bylaw 36M2021 through Council Services Committee no later than Q4 2024 that reflect similar rules for hosting as those recently made for meal allowances, namely, that the hosting allowance be applied as a recommended amount and not a restricted amount, and that it is updated to reflect current market conditions.