

# Background and Previous Council Direction

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DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
2024 March 19	<a href="#">CSC2023-1249</a>	Councillors' Budgets and Expenses Bylaw Amendments Council approved amendments to the Councillors' Budgets and Expenses Bylaw 36M2021 which included new provisions for selecting Grey Cup and Quebec Carnival attendees.
2024 October 24	<a href="#">C2023-1024</a>	<b>REVISED BRIEFING - 2023 Grey Cup and 2024 Quebec Carnival Council Representatives</b> The Council Representative selected to attend the 2023 Grey Cup was Councillor Walcott.  The Council Representatives selected by random draw to attend the 2024 Quebec Carnival were Councillor Chabot and Councillor McLean.

## Bylaws, Regulations, Council Policies

### Councillors' Budgets and Expenses Bylaw 36M2021

#### Out of Town Travel Costs

22. (1) Councillors and their staff may incur expenses for out-of-town travel that are related to the Councillor's duties as a Member of Council.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), all Councillors may attend annually either one or both of the following events up to the maximum of days noted:
- (a) Alberta Municipalities (up to three nights); and
  - (b) Federation of Canadian Municipalities "FCM" Conference (up to the length of the conference).
- (3) In addition, any Councillor elected to the FCM Board may also attend the FCM Annual Board of Director's Meetings (up to two nights).
- (4) Despite subsection (1), up to two Councillors may attend the following events in accordance with subsection (5):
- (a) Grey Cup (up to five nights); and

- (b) Quebec Carnival (up to four nights).
- (5) The selection of Councillors for the events in subsection (4) will be determined as follows:
- (a) A random draw of Councillors will be conducted by the City Clerk's Office;
  - (b) The pool for the random draw will be comprised of Councillors:
    - (i) who have responded to an expression of interest to attend the events; and
    - (ii) who have not attended either event previously in the current Council term;
  - (c) In the event a selected Councillor can no longer attend the event then a redraw will occur among the remaining pool;
  - (d) In the event there are not enough Councillors for a draw or redraw then the pool may be expanded to those Councillors who have previously attended either event in the current Council term and are interested and able to attend the upcoming event; and
  - (e) Where an expression of interest for a draw or redraw results in two or less interested Councillors then those Councillors will be selected to attend the event without a draw being necessary.
- (6) For further clarity, approved out of town travel must comply with the Accounts Payable Policy and supporting procedures which allow for meals when travelling. Where the out-of-town travel is to attend an event, venue or conference and a meal is provided to attendees then a separate meal may not be expensed.