

Summary of Changes to the proposed Council Policy on Remuneration and Expenses for Public Members Serving on Council-Established Boards, Commissions and Committees

Remuneration and Expense Policy		
Item	Proposed to Council (March 2024)	Proposed Council Policy (October 2024)
Meetings	Participation in regular meetings. Chairs, Co-Chairs, Vice-Chairs compensated at a higher rate	No Change
Dependent Care	Public Member Initiated: Costs will be reimbursed as per section 6.3.1.b of the Policy; up to \$1000 annually	Public Member Initiated: Costs will be reimbursed as per section 6.2.1.a of the Policy; up to \$1000 annually, at a reasonable hourly rate
Accessibility Supports	Public Member Initiated: Costs will be reimbursed as per section 6.3.1.a of the Policy	Administration Led: To be provided by Administration, as per section 6.2.2.a of the Policy
Technology Allowance	Public Member Initiated: \$600 annually, as per section 6.2.1 of the Policy	Incorporated into meeting stipend rate, as per section 6.2.2.b of the Policy
Parking	Public Member Initiated: Costs will be reimbursed as per section 6.3.1.d of the Policy	Administration Led: Parking codes will be given to Public Members by Administration, as needed, as per section 6.2.2.c of the Policy
Meals	Public Member Initiated: Costs will be reimbursed as per section 6.3.1.e of the Policy	Administration Led: Administration will be required to provide meals in circumstances set out in section 6.2.2.d of the Policy
Transit	Public Member Initiated: Costs will be reimbursed as per section 6.3.1.c of the Policy	Administration Led: Transit tickets will be provided by Administration, as per section 6.2.2.e of the Policy
Tobacco products and accessories	Public Member Initiated: Costs will be reimbursed as per section 6.3.1.f of the Policy	Administration Led: Provided by Administration, as per section 6.2.2.f of the Policy

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Council directed Administration to change the proposed Council Policy in order to reduce expense claims for Public Members. Initially, five categories required expense reimbursement: this has now been reduced to just one category – dependent care. In order to support equity and reduce barriers for Public Members, dependent care continues to be recommended as a reimbursable expense. Dependent care reimbursement ensures that funds will only be disbursed if a cost is incurred and that it will not be considered taxable income.

The remuneration and reimbursement of expenses for Public Members serving on BCCs which already have bylaws that provide for those payments will continue to be determined by those bylaws.

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