



Councillors' Budgets and Expenses Bylaw Amendments

CSC2024-1141

2024 December 4

Recommendation

That the Council Services Committee recommend that Council amend Bylaw 36M2021 by giving three readings to the proposed amending Bylaw (Attachment 2)



Previous Council Direction

2024 June 18

Councillors' Budgets and Expenses – Hosting

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.

Highlights

- Current limit of \$100 per day for hosting expenses while travelling.
- There is no limit for Councillor hosting expenses except when travelling.
- Suggested meal allowance amounts, per person present, for hosting while travelling, align with current meal amounts.
- All expenses must be reasonable business expenses related to a Councillor's official duties.

Current limit

- Limit of \$100 per day for each day of a trip, which may be accrued over the course of the trip.

Example:

- For a 4-day trip, a total of \$400 available for hosting

Proposed suggestion

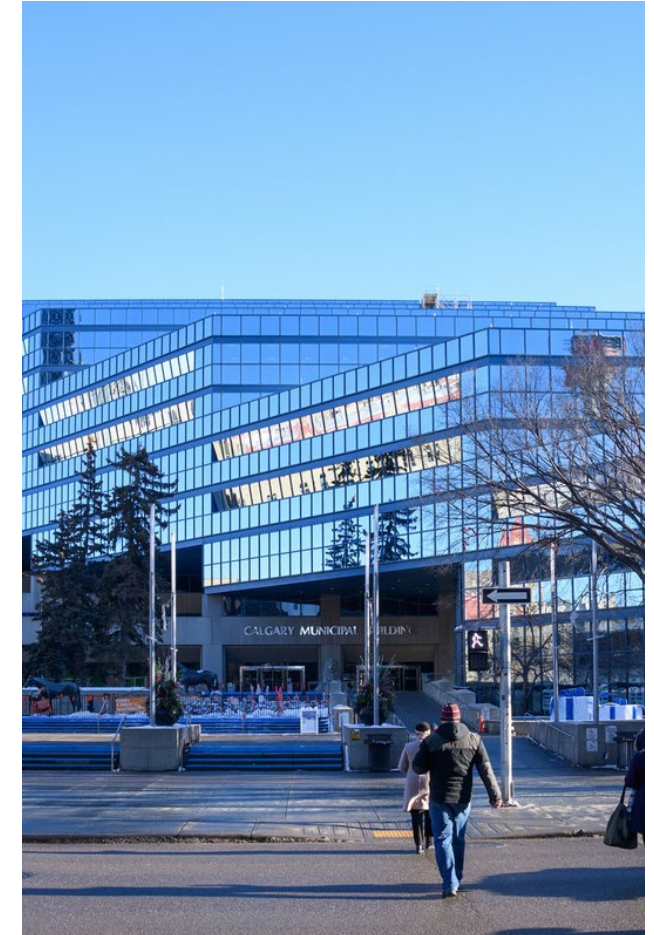
- Suggested amounts would be the same as the meal allowance suggestion for the host and each person hosted
- Meal allowance suggestions, including tax and tip, would be:
 - Breakfast: \$25.00
 - Lunch: \$30.00
 - Dinner: \$45.00

Example:

- For a 4-person dinner gathering, \$180 suggested for hosting
- For a 12-person breakfast, \$300 suggested

Considerations

- Market conditions for the costs of hosting vary from place to place.
- Most other municipalities offer no specific rule for hosting while travelling or do not specify a limit.
 - There are generally no limits on in-town hosting
- This approach responds to Council's direction for a suggested amount.





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