

BUDGET COMMITTEE DECEMBER 4, 2008

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT – REVIEW OF HONORARIUMS

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

1. THAT direction be given with respect to a review of the honorariums paid to the members of the Committee of Adjustment.

Economic Impact

Any new funding associated with this report will be considered in the context of the 2009 Operating Budget deliberations.

Communications Plan

N/A

Purpose

The City Clerk has received a request from the Chair of the Committee of Adjustment to review the honorarium that Committee members receive.

Background - Analysis and Options

By-law 38-2007 established the honorariums paid to the Committee of Adjustment members. Members are paid an honorarium of \$2,375.00 per year, while the Chair receives an honorarium of \$2,850.00 per year.

The Chair of the Committee of Adjustment has requested the City Clerk review the honorariums paid to the members. She has also provided a comparison with surrounding municipalities (Attachment #1).

Should Committee of the Whole recommend a review of the honorariums paid to the members of the Committee of Adjustment a comprehensive review and comparison will be completed and presented as part of the 2009 budget process.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the priorities set forth in Vaughan Vision 2020, particularly "Demonstrate Leadership & Promote Effective Governance".

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

The City Clerk requests direction with respect to conducting a review of the honorariums paid to the Committee of Adjustment members.

Attachments

1. Committee of Adjustment Chair and Members - Salary Comparison with Surrounding Areas

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Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams,
City Clerk

Attachment "1"

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT CHAIR AND MEMBERS

SALARY COMPARISON

WITH SURROUNDING AREAS

CITY OF VAUGHAN: (FIVE MEMBERS)

Number of Meetings per year approx. 24
Number of Applications per year approx. 500
Chair receives \$2,850.00 per year
Members receive \$2,375.00 per year

RICHMOND HILL: (FIVE MEMBERS)

Number of Meetings per year approx. 17
Number of Applications per year approx. 300
Chair receives \$175.00 per meeting attended
Members receive \$150.00 per meeting attended

BRAMPTON: (FIVE MEMBERS)

Number of Meetings per year approx. 17
Number of Applications per year approx. 300
Chair receives \$175.00 per meeting attended
Members receive \$175.00 per meeting attended
They also receive reimbursement of any mileage

MISSISSAUGA: (SEVEN MEMBERS)

Number of Meetings per year approx. 52 (they meet once a week to accommodate volume so their agendas are smaller approx. 12 per meeting)
Number of Applications per year approx. 900
Chair receives \$8,700.00 per year
Members receive \$8,200.00 per year

CITY OF TORONTO: (FIVE MEMBERS)

The City of Toronto consists of four (4) panels of Committee of Adjustment, being Toronto West, Scarborough, North York and Toronto south. Each Panel consists of five members. There is one City Chair that attends all of the panels meetings.

PRESENTLY:

Number of Meetings per year for each Panel approx.*24
Number of Applications per year approx. 3,400 for all four panels (some panels will only have approx. 8-10 per meeting, some have 20-40 per meeting)
City Chair receives \$300.00 per meeting attended, plus \$1,000.00 for attending all four panels
Members receive \$300.00 per meeting attended
Costs for the attendance of all members for the Ontario Association of Committee of Adjustment Conferences is provided.

PROPOSED FOR THIS BUDGET:

To eliminate the City Chair position and have a Chair for each Panel.
Chair for each panel will receive \$500.00 per meeting attended, plus \$1,000.00 per year.
Members receive \$500.00 per meeting attended
Costs for the attendance of all members for the Ontario Association of Committee of Adjustment Conferences is provided.