



NOTICE OF MOTION

Council Expenses – Monthly Reporting

DATE **December 9, 2013**

MOVED **Councillor Bill McLean**
Bill McLean

SECONDED BY **Councillor Jennifer O'Connell**
Jennifer O'Connell

WHEREAS Council have discretionary accounts to cover expenses incurred while conducting business on behalf of the City, as prescribed under the Council Compensation Policy ADM 190; and

WHEREAS in the interest of accountability and transparency, expense information for Council expenses should be easily accessible to all members of the public; and

WHEREAS at this time, the City of Pickering reports Council expenses on an annual basis to the public through a report to Council; however, this report only shows total costs incurred and does not provide specific expense breakdowns; and

WHEREAS all expense details submitted by Members of Council are public record, and therefore a member of the public should not have to make a request to the City Clerk to be provided expense details. Many municipalities and political parties have decided to make detailed expense information available online.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

As of January, 2014, any expenses being submitted for reimbursement from the Mayor and Members of Council must submit the original receipts, as well as an electronic copy that can be uploaded to the City's website. That the Clerk's office and the Website Coordinator post the detailed expenses within 30 days of reimbursement to the City of Pickering's website.

And that the Council Compensation Policy ADM 190 be amended to reflect the above procedure for submitting expenses by the Mayor and Members of Council.

And that the Council Compensation Policy ADM 190 section 10 be amended to no longer allow for "reasonable liquor" expenses to be reimbursed by the Mayor and Members of Council.

And further that any meal receipts being submitted for reimbursement should provide the names of those who attended the meal and the purpose of the meeting, and should be included in the detailed expenses being uploaded to the City of Pickering's website.