



REPORT FIN-2018-015

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer

MEETING DATE: March 7, 2018

SUBJECT: Remuneration and Expenses Paid to Members of Council and Others - 2017
File No. F16 REM

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Report FIN-2018-015 regarding Remuneration and Expenses Paid to Members of Council and Others During the Year 2017 be received; and

That the Remuneration and Expenses Paid to Members of Council and Others During the Year 2017 be posted on the Township of Puslinch's website.

DISCUSSION

Purpose

Section 284 (1) of The Municipal Act, 2001 requires the Treasurer of a Municipality to submit a statement to Council itemizing remuneration and expenses in each year on or before March 31st paid to the following:

1. each Member of Council in respect to his or her services as a member of Council or any other body, including a local board, to which the member has been appointed by Council or on which the member holds office by virtue of being a member of Council.
2. each person, other than a member of Council, appointed by the Municipality to serve as a member of any body, including a local board, in respect of his or her services as a member of the body.

Background

The authority to pay Council and Committee members remuneration or per diems, including benefits (if applicable) and reimbursement of business expenses for the 2017 fiscal year is found in By-law No. 020-2017.

The Township provides reasonable remuneration or per diems to members of Council and Committee appointees.

The Township also provides expense reimbursement to Members of Council and Committee members for reasonable and permitted expenses incurred while carrying out their respective roles and responsibilities.

Members of local boards who are appointed by the Township also receive payments from the local boards. These payments must be reported per Section 284 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Schedule A lists the total Remuneration and Expenses paid out to Members of Council and Others During the Year 2017 in accordance with Section 284 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In the 2017 fiscal year, funds were provided in the Council Operating Budget for Council's remuneration and reimbursement for reasonable and permitted expenses. Funds were also provided in the Committee cost centres for remuneration and expenses paid to Committee members. These are budgeted annually through the Operating Budget process.

The expenses shown in Schedule A include both mileage and allowable business expenses per the Township's policies.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Section 284(1), Municipal Act, 2001

ATTACHMENTS

Schedule A – Remuneration and Expenses Paid to Members of Council and Others During the Year 2017.

**Township of Puslinch
Remuneration and Expenses Paid to Members of Council and Others During 2017**

				Sub-Total				Sub-Total	
Member of Council	Salary *	Benefits **	Per Diems & Expenses ***	Remuneration	Business Expenses	Conference/Seminars	Mileage/Airfare Expense	Expenditures	Grand Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Dennis Lever, Mayor	23,280	303	-	23,583	344	-	95	439	24,021
Ken Roth, Councillor	15,872	5,780	-	21,652	113	-	409	521	22,174
John Sepulis, Councillor	15,872	6,130	-	22,003	-	-	-	-	22,003
Susan Fielding, Councillor	15,872	6,130	548	22,551	1,333	1,379	664	3,376	25,926
Matthew Bulmer, Councillor	15,872	6,130	-	22,003	471	560	14	1,045	23,048
Totals	\$ 86,770	\$ 24,473	\$ 548	\$ 111,791	\$ 2,260	\$ 1,939	\$ 1,182	\$ 5,380	\$ 117,172

* One-third of the remuneration paid to members of Council continue to be considered as expenses incidental to the discharge of their duties as a member of Council as per the provisions of subsection 283 (5) of the Municipal Act. Effective January 1, 2019, the one-third tax free allowance will be eliminated in accordance with the Federal Budget.

** Benefits include employer portion of Extended Health Care, Hospital Semi-Private, Dental, Drug, Vision Care, and Out of Province Coverage, Employer's Health Tax (EHT) and Canada Pension Plan (CPP) if applicable. Employment Insurance (EI) is exempt.

*** These are payments made by Conservation Hamilton (Councillor Fielding). As this is a local board, it should be reported as per Section 284(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

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			Sub-Total				Sub-Total	
Committee *	Local Board **	Member	Remuneration/Per Diem	Conference Expenses	Business Expenses	Mileage Expense	Expenditures	Total
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Committee of Adjustment	N/A	Dennis O'Connor	1,073	-	-	-	-	1,073
Committee of Adjustment	N/A	Dianne Paron	1,073	-	-	-	-	1,073
Committee of Adjustment	N/A	John Daniel Kennedy	894	-	-	-	-	894
Committee of Adjustment	N/A	Amardeep Basi	894	-	-	-	-	894
N/A	Grand River Conservation Authority	Chris White	4,437	-	-	736	736	5,173
N/A	Conservation Halton - Source Protection Committee	David Rodgers	1,000	-	-	101	101	1,101
N/A	Conservation Halton	Stephen Gilmour	300	-	-	42	42	342
Totals			\$ 9,671	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 879	\$ 879	\$ 10,550