

Meeting: GENERAL PURPOSE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Date: January 23, 2012

Dept: Finance

Report No: CORP-2012-03-GP&A

APPROVAL BLOCK

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Title: 2011 Council Remuneration and Expenses

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive this report for information purposes.

BACKGROUND:

Section 284 (1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* (S.O. 2001, c. 25), requires municipalities to prepare a statement to Council of the prior year's remuneration and expenses paid by the Township to each member of Council. The purpose of this itemized report is to provide that information for the 2011 fiscal year.

Remuneration includes both salary and pension contributions made on behalf of each Councillor. Benefits and expenses are paid on behalf of Council for health and life insurance benefits, as well as the employer's share of CPP, EI and employer health tax.

Conference, hotel and meals expenses are expenses incurred in relation to Councillor attendance at various conferences. In general, Councillors are allowed \$1,500 annually for conference attendance. The Chair of Works (Councillor Corrigan) is also given an allowance to attend the Ontario Good Roads convention. The Mayor of the Township may be required to attend additional conferences.

Mileage was reimbursed to Councillors at the rate of \$0.50 per km up to September 2011 and was increased to \$0.52 per km for the remainder of

the year. This was for attendance at other than regular Council and Committee meetings.

Cell phone expenses relate to monthly expenses for each Councillor's blackberry usage.

Currently, one-third of any remuneration paid to an elected member of a Council of a Municipality is deemed to be for expenses incident to the discharge of his or her duties as a member of the Council, section 283 (5) of the *Municipal Act 2001*, and therefore is not considered taxable. This tax-free portion is calculated as follows for each Councillor in 2011:

Mayor Chuck Mercier	\$ 9,876.34
Councillor Bobbie Drew	\$ 6,653.54
Councillor Larry Corrigan	\$ 6,053.69
Councillor John Hancock	\$ 6,053.69
Councillor Jim Howard	\$ 6,053.69
Councillor Wilma Wotten	\$ 6,053.69
Councillor Howard Danson	\$ 6,053.69

CONCLUSION:

All of the above expenses conform to the Township policies and procedures. This report is presented in accordance with the requirements of the *Municipal Act 2001*.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS: N/A

ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS: N/A

FUNDING OPTIONS:

The above has been funded as per the 2011 approved operating budget.

Respectfully submitted:

Amanda Aasen
Manager of Finance

Concurred by:

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Director of Finance/Treasurer

**Township of Scugog
Remuneration and expenses
for the year ended December 31, 2011**

	Remuneration	Benefits	Conference Registration Hotel & Meals Expenses	Mileage Expenses	Cell Phone Expenses	Total
Mayor Mercier	\$ 31,020.61	\$ 6,388.92	\$ 1,610.43	\$ 5.33	\$ 432.69	\$ 39,457.98
Councillor Drew	\$ 20,901.14	\$ 2,789.45	\$ 100.00	\$ 363.58	\$ 222.94	\$ 24,377.11
Councillor Corrigan	\$ 18,980.32	\$ 5,336.65	\$ 2,520.31	\$ 461.40	\$ 551.54	\$ 27,850.22
Councillor Hancock	\$ 18,980.32	\$ 5,336.65	\$ 1,202.80	\$ 335.00	\$ 538.52	\$ 26,393.29
Councillor Howard	\$ 18,980.32	\$ 5,807.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 642.18	\$ 25,429.98
Councillor Wotten	\$ 18,980.32	\$ 5,807.48	\$ 1,202.80	\$ 795.88	\$ 529.97	\$ 27,316.45
Councillor Danson	\$ 18,980.32	\$ 5,336.65	\$ 1,202.80	\$ -	\$ 504.45	\$ 26,024.22
TOTAL	\$ 146,823.35	\$36,803.28	\$ 7,839.14	\$ 1,961.19	\$ 3,422.29	\$ 196,849.25

Statement of Remuneration and Expenses

Annual disclosure as required by Section 284 (1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, (S.O. 2001, c. 25), as authorized by By-law # 99-01.