

**TOWN OF MINTO**

**DATE:** March 12, 2018  
**REPORT TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Gordon Duff, Treasurer  
**SUBJECT:** 2017 Council Remuneration

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**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Manage Town finances in a transparent and fiscally responsible manner using a wide variety of accepted methods such as maintaining healthy reserves, investing conservatively, sensible user fees, property tax control, and responsible borrowing.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Municipal Act 2001, SO 2001, c.24, Section 284 mandates that "...the Treasurer of a municipality shall in each year on or before March 31 provide to council of the municipality an itemized statement of remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year..."

**COMMENTS:**

The requirement to report Council expenditures on an annual basis is a statutory duty of the Treasurer. The base salaries of Council members are as follows:

Mayor	\$16,411
Deputy-Mayor	\$13,235
Councillor	\$11,117

Base salary set in 2014 by the previous Council is also tied to cost of living if approved for municipal staff. In 2014 base salary was increased, but the number of meetings for which per diem could be charged was reduced. Per Diem includes \$50 per Council meeting, \$85 for specific meetings under four hours and \$150 for specific meetings over four hours. Meeting is rigidly defined to include standing and appointed committees, conferences and conventions, and educational sessions as approved by the Mayor. Overall remuneration has been less over this term of Council. The amounts reported include budgeted expenses for training and conferences.

This Council will set the compensation for the next term in the coming weeks. One issue to be addressed is loss of the long standing tax relief available on part of Councillors' wages.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The net tax-supported council expense for the fiscal year 2017 was \$121,651 with a budgeted amount of \$128,200. The last year of the previous Council term in 2014 reported expenses were \$128,376.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council receives the March 12<sup>th</sup> report from the Treasurer regarding 2017 Council Remuneration for information.

Gordon Duff, Treasurer

## 2017 COUNCIL EXPENSES

December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2017

Name	Regular Earnings	Per Diems Meetings	Conventions Seminars & Expenses	Mileage	Total
G Bridge	\$16,411.46	\$10,755.00	\$4,813.85	\$1,037.03	\$33,017.34
R Faulkner	13,235.15	4,045.00	2,206.71	537.35	\$20,024.21
J Anderson	11,117.37	4,755.00	2,091.27	0.00	\$17,963.64
ML Colwell	11,117.37	4,370.00	3,690.76	640.29	\$19,818.42
J Dirksen	11,117.37	4,010.00	1,021.36	926.64	\$17,075.37
R Elliott	11,117.37	6,855.00	6,580.16	1540.86	\$26,093.39
D Turton	11,117.37	2,375.00	1,267.16	547.45	\$15,306.98
Total	\$85,233.46	\$37,165.00	\$21,671.27	\$5,229.62	\$149,299.35