

# Request for Recommendation Finance Committee



Type of Decision									
Meeting	March 01, 2007				Report Date	March 01, 2007			
Decision Requested		Yes		No	Priority	x	High		Low
	Direction Only				Type of Meeting	x	Open		Closed

Report Title
History of Council Expenses

Budget Impact / Policy Implication
This report has been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.


Recommendation

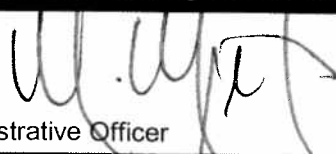
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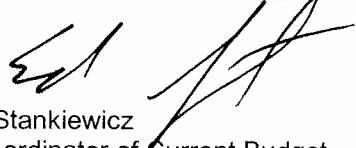
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Background Attached
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Recommendation Continued
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Recommended by the Department
 L. Hayes Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer

Recommended by the C.A.O.
 Mark Mieta Chief Administrative Officer

Report Prepared By	Division Review
 E. Stankiewicz Co-ordinator of Current Budget	

At the February 27, 2007 Finance Committee meeting a report was requested chronicling the history of Council expenses with the Council Expense cost centre.

In 2001, the first year of the amalgamated city, Council expenses were budgeted at \$36,000 which included \$8,000 for mileage and \$28,000 for council expenses. The expenditures in 2001 were \$55,500 for an over expenditure of \$19,500.

In 2002, each ward Councillor was allocated a budget of \$10,000 for miscellaneous expenditures and there was a collective allocated budget for mileage of \$20,000. In 2002, Council collectively expensed \$103,000 of \$140,000 budget.

In each subsequent year the allocation to each ward Councillor was increased by inflation and in 2007 this budget amount is \$10,925. The common budget for mileage was eliminated in the 2004 budget as Councillors were to have mileage claims charged to their individual accounts.

The following chart reflects the budget and actuals for the period 2001 to 2007.

Year	Budget	Actual Expenditures
2001	\$36,000	\$55,528
2002	\$140,000	\$103,005
2003	\$157,400	\$97,764
2004	\$123,600	\$65,105
2005	\$126,000	\$55,702
2006	\$127,400	\$56,500
2007	\$131,100	