



**Council Expenditure & Code of
Conduct Review Task Force
November 4, 2015**

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Item- 1

TO: MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: LAURA MIRABELLA-SIDDALL, DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL PLANNING & ANALYTICS

**RE: COUNCIL EXPENDITURE AND CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW TASK FORCE –
NOVEMBER 4, 2015
COUNCIL OFFICE EXPENDITURES 2010-2014 AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY EXPENSE FORMULA, Item 1**

Recommendation

The Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer recommends:

1. That the item, Council Office Expenditures 2010-2014 and Proposed Amendment to the Council Discretionary Expense Formula, be referred to a future Task Force meeting.

Background – Analysis

At the September 21, 2015 meeting of the Task Force, concern was expressed regarding the allocation of discretionary budgets between Local Councillor and Regional Councillor office budgets. Although there was no formal motion, staff began to investigate potential options to realign discretionary office budgets between Local and Regional Councillors which resulted in the above noted item.

Upon further consideration, staff believe that it would be prudent to conduct further research on additional options for the determination of Council discretionary office budgets. These options could include the transfer of some expenditures to Council Corporate and investigating other methodologies that could provide flexibility in Council discretionary office budgets.

Conclusion

It is recommended that the item on today's agenda be referred to a future meeting of the Task Force to allow further study of the options available to develop Council discretionary office budgets.

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