

<b>TO:</b>	<b>CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON JANUARY 21, 2014</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>JAMES P. BARBER CITY SOLICITOR AND CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK</b>
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>EXPENSES – ONTARIO OMBUDSMAN'S INVESTIGATION</b>

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
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That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk and the City Solicitor, this report providing information about the costs relating to the Ontario Ombudsman's investigation into whether Members of Council for the City of London held an improper closed meeting on February 23, 2013, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

<b>PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER</b>
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None.

<b>BACKGROUND</b>
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Municipal Council, at its meeting of October 22, 2013, directed the City Clerk and City Solicitor to report back on a number of matters related to the October 22, 2013 report from A. Marin, Ontario Ombudsman, regarding an investigation into whether Members of Council for the City of London held an improper closed meeting on February 23, 2013. The purpose of this report is to report back on the following two matters:

- the disclosure of the full cost of outside legal counsel provided to Members of Council; and,
- the response from the Ombudsman of Ontario with respect to the City's request that the Ombudsman publicly disclose the cost of his investigation into this matter.

The full cost of outside legal counsel provided to the seven Members of Council interviewed by the Ombudsman was \$97,148.31, including HST.

The response from the Ombudsman of Ontario with respect to the cost of his investigation into this matter is attached to this report as Appendix "A".

<b>RECOMMENDED BY:</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED BY:</b>
<b>JAMES P. BARBER CITY SOLICITOR</b>	<b>CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK</b>

Attachment