

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING ON AUGUST 17, 2011
FROM:	JEFF FIELDING CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
SUBJECT:	ONE-TIME ALLOCATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer, \$50,000 of the residual local government funding arising from the recent governance restructuring **BE ALLOCATED**, on a one-time basis for 2011 to the Mayor's Office for the purpose of improving constituency liaison initiatives.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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Item #3 – Finance and Administration Committee – June 15, 2011

BACKGROUND

At the June 25, 2011 meeting of Municipal Council the following motion was passed regarding the allocation of the \$170,000 residual local government funding arising from the recent governance restructuring:

“That, notwithstanding the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer, the following actions be taken with respect to the residual local government funding arising from the recent governance restructuring:

- (a) a small sub-working group, comprised of members of the Governance Working Group, **BE ESTABLISHED** to review options for allocating the residual local government funding arising from the recent governance restructuring; and
- (b) the City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to expend a portion of the funds to acquire immediate temporary assistance for the Councillors' Office until such time as the Council Members' long-term support requirements are addressed through the current organizational review being undertaken with the assistance of Tim L. Dobbie Consulting Ltd.; it being noted that the Municipal Council at its meeting on May 30, 2011 resolved;

*“That the communication from Councillor J. P. Bryant with respect to her request to review the availability of immediate short term assistance for the Councillors' Office, pending the Municipal Council's decision on a long-term solution for Council support services **BE REFERRED** to the Civic Administration for action.”*

Subsequent to the passage of this resolution, temporary assistance for the Councillors' Office has been implemented, with an anticipated cost of \$24,000 to the end of 2011.

The June 15, 2011 Report to the Finance and Administration Committee, also included a request that \$50,000 of the residual local government funding be allocated to the Mayor's Office for the purpose of undertaking constituency liaison initiatives. This matter was not disposed of at that meeting. The request for the allocation is therefore being put forward again for consideration.

The Mayor's Office has indicated that the funding request would be used for the following purposes:

- Consulting services to assist with communication initiatives with the community
- Town Hall Meetings
- Receptions
- Mayor's Council to End Woman Abuse
- Mayor's Sustainable Energy Council
- Economic Development Initiatives

Summary

The one-time allocation of local government funding to the Mayor's Office would assist the Mayor in carrying out his responsibilities as prescribed in section 226.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001, being "[promoting] public involvement in the municipality's activities and [fostering] activities that enhance the economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality and its residents", by providing funding for such initiatives as undertaking various community-based councils, as well as providing forums to facilitate open dialogue with the London constituency. It is therefore being recommended that \$50,000 of the residual local government funding arising from the recent governance restructuring be allocated, on a one-time basis for 2011, to the Mayor's Office. A Business Case will be prepared for the Mayor's office to continue with these initiatives in 2012 and will be considered as part of the 2012 Budget process.

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