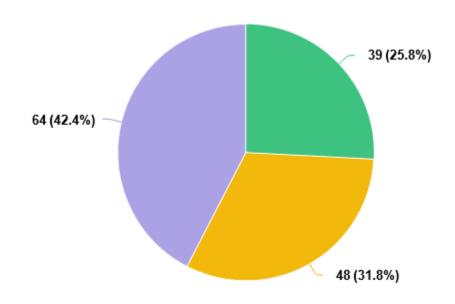
2021 Council Compensation Survey Public Survey Response Report

Question 1: Councillors' current compensation rate is \$52,725 annually. Do you feel Councillors are currently?



Responses:

Overpaid – 39 (25.8%)

Paid Appropriately – 48 (31.8%)

Underpaid – 64 (42.4%)

150 responses, 4 skipped

Question 2: Should the current compensation rate, based on median full-time employment income, be changed? If so, how do you suggest the rate be changed.

Response Time	Response
2022-01-05 07:29:19 -0700	I would tie the salary to a senior level administrator in the City.
2022-01-05 07:42:29 -0700	Based on inflation rate
2022-01-05 07:48:55 -0700	Should be paid hourly.
2022-01-05 07:54:15 -0700	This is a part time position. They were elected knowing that and should not transition to full time position. Therefore salary should not change (go higher) especially since Covid has added historic level costs to the system and must be dealt with before granting salary increase to any local Govt officials.
2022-01-05 07:55:55 -0700	Should be moved to 2020 median wage
2022-01-05 07:58:16 -0700	should not be more than a 1% change. Keep it fair with many public workers unable to gain more than a 1% wage increase due to Bill 124.
2022-01-05 07:58:44 -0700	No
2022-01-05 08:08:44 -0700	No
2022-01-05 08:10:13 -0700	No, they should be paid average full -time rate of the middle class. Not an average using the higher incomes of Londoners.
2022-01-05 08:12:45 -0700	NO
2022-01-05 08:20:31 -0700	\$40,000
2022-01-05 08:25:53 -0700	No, they should be paid as directors of a billion dollar organization and expected to work full time on city business.
2022-01-05 08:42:20 -0700	Do not pay these useless people a penny
2022-01-05 08:52:48 -0700	Absolutely jot they are compensated fairly
2022-01-05 09:02:44 -0700	No
2022-01-05 09:07:17 -0700	Shouldn't be changed
2022-01-05 09:10:15 -0700	Full time if we want full time representation.
2022-01-05 09:15:44 -0700	no
2022-01-05 09:42:36 -0700	Increased to at least \$70k
2022-01-05 10:07:56 -0700	Should be based on full time employment and should not be allowed to have additional pay for sitting on Boards
2022-01-05 10:20:23 -0700	I would suggest Councillors receive no less than \$85,000.00 + expenses
2022-01-05 10:47:30 -0700	What the heck is "median full-time rate" mean. Is that someone who works 20 hrs a week and claims full-time?
2022-01-05 10:56:12 -0700	no changes

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2022-01-05 11:51:33 -0700 Full time 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at minimum wage	2022-01-05 11:51:33 -0700	

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2022-01-05 11:52:00 -0700	Ostensibly, council role is what you make of it? I know of some councillors who live / work outside of London, remote into their meetings, almost never have their camera on, contribute little to advancing community issues, and yet are paid the same as some councillors who have no outside employment and are for all intents, full-time.
2022-01-05 11:55:25 -0700	Yes
2022-01-05 11:59:17 -0700	Base it on how much involvement councillors have in each project, the importance of each project and the speed it needs be be delivered and how beneficial their project is to Londoners. Tax payers deserve to see London blooming with all the taxes not thrown down the drain with little or no improvement in our city.
2022-01-05 12:05:34 -0700	The role should be paid as a full-time competitive salary but councilors should not be permitted to hold an additional full-time role.
2022-01-05 12:18:01 -0700	No. If they became full time, an increase would be appropriate.
2022-01-05 12:52:04 -0700	How many hours do each councillor work during each week. Many are part time.
2022-01-05 12:54:18 -0700	If London is a billion dollar company, we should pay those who represent us accordingly, and then we might attract real talent.
2022-01-05 13:00:06 -0700	I am someone who works for the provincial government and was an administrative employee for 5 years making \$49,000 a year. It just isn't enough \$ in take home amounts when you factor if union dues, pension and health benefits and other taxable pieces within government. My take home after all the deductions was often \$1300 bi weekly. Barely enough to pay rent on my 1 bedroom apartment. I now have a job where my salary is in the mid 70,000 now & my take home is much more livable. People need to consider these things when they say government workers make too much or that they deserve the median of all londoners. The median isn't high enough for the cost of living for most people, especially single income homes or those with dependents.
2022-01-05 13:02:01 -0700	City councilors should be paid based on an executive rate. The current 14 councilors salaries should equal a minimum of 1% of the yearly operating budget for the city. If the budget is \$1 billion, \$1 million should divided by the 14 councilors.
2022-01-05 13:35:15 -0700	Based on comparable councillor salaries
2022-01-05 14:30:06 -0700	Should be a full time job so paid more like \$80,000 but cannot hold another full time job! London is a big city now and deserves full time councillors. I don't this it should be someone's side gig.
2022-01-05 14:43:01 -0700	15% above median full-time employment income of the City of London
2022-01-05 15:07:21 -0700	It should be raised to the point where good people would be incentivized to run without needing a second job.
2022-01-05 15:58:18 -0700	No

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2022-01-05 16:01:09 -0700	75% percentile
2022-01-05 16:28:06 -0700	It should be higher because of their work load.
2022-01-05 17:30:37 -0700	The rate should be set to the median full-time income, however any member of a committee should be paid more based on the extra hours.
2022-01-05 17:35:46 -0700	A higher wage could be more enticing for those to leave full time employment and become full time councillors.
2022-01-05 18:19:59 -0700	they should be paid by what s accomplished not by time spent on something
2022-01-05 18:26:17 -0700	If councillors work full-time, then compensation should be based on median full-time employment income
2022-01-05 18:56:39 -0700	Should match executive level pay. Or rather than 'median' should be middle high level, 75k
2022-01-05 19:04:11 -0700	It should be enough to live off in this city. I frankly do not understand why there is a stubborn refusal to see city council as a full time job. By underpaying you are limiting it to people who are already wealthy and can afford to take a hit to income (i.e. completely unrepresentative of the people who actually live here).
2022-01-05 19:12:32 -0700	I like that it is based on something.
2022-01-05 20:16:45 -0700	Should compensation be based on median full-time employment income, the current compensation rate should be increased to reflect the status of the position.
2022-01-05 22:34:25 -0700	Not unless you plan on compensating all City of London employees accordingly.
2022-01-06 02:19:53 -0700	Less money until they stop letting the government lock us down
2022-01-06 02:35:29 -0700	If they are paid this the current rate there should be no need for an expense budget. That is middle class rate of pay for a medium full time job. Not even a full time job.
2022-01-06 03:05:19 -0700	Yes as their decisions are the ones that will mostly reflect the future of the median full-time employment income.
2022-01-06 05:18:21 -0700	Council deals with multi million dollar budgets and the future of our city. It should be a job that attracts the best and brightest, 52K a year won't do that (even if we're very lucky to have some great councillors at this rate.)
2022-01-06 05:45:13 -0700	Inflation should be accounted for.
2022-01-06 06:05:09 -0700	While I think higher pay may generate increased interest from more diverse and experienced professionals, I do not think the optics of a large increase would play well with citizens.
2022-01-06 08:07:52 -0700	Should be based on success rates in the city. Vacancy / business / number of projects proposed - number stalled - success of downtown etc
2022-01-06 08:26:51 -0700	No it should not be changed

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2022-01-06 09:59:31 -0700	I do not think the compensation rate should be changed. The median full-time employment income is a subjective measure as it is not consistent across all types of jobs and industries. Councilors should be required to provide proof of excellent performance, based on taxpayer-determined KPIs to justify any increase in their salaries.
2022-01-06 10:29:11 -0700	Average of same size city councillors. Not median, average.
2022-01-06 10:49:04 -0700	Councillors should be paid a a full time job
2022-01-06 10:58:13 -0700	Should be based in a metric system. Look at issues in represented areas create a ticket for problems and how many tickets are brought to resolution in a timely manner. le lack of transportation to jobs in areas of city could be ticket. Is it open closed resolve. Also quality or work. Attendance to meetings, documentation (can be audited for mistakes) etc They should get around 35,000 a year plus a bonus based of achieving metrics or scores on a KPI. So they can make up to 55k a year with performance bonus
2022-01-06 11:10:08 -0700	It should be lower because I think it's important to keep councillor roles as part time! If councillors are being stretched thin, maybe it's time to add wards. With London's growing population, it would make sense.
2022-01-06 12:21:37 -0700	No
2022-01-06 13:39:48 -0700	Yes. They should be paid by the hour since it is not a full-time job.
2022-01-06 15:22:57 -0700	No, except to match new median income values.
2022-01-06 18:21:47 -0700	leave it as it is,,
2022-01-07 08:37:10 -0700	Councillors should be compensated for extra 'duties' such as boards and committees they are a part of.
2022-01-07 11:20:56 -0700	Councillors are not doing a "median" job. They are the executive board that runs our city. They should be compensated like an upper management job. The last couple of years has shown the very serious and difficult burden they carry, worrying about the economy and the health of a city of over 400,000 people. That can't, respectfully, be compared to someone running a cash register, or cutting lawns, etc. Pegging them right in the middle with a median income seriously undervalues the importance of the job. They are also the poorest paid of any big city that I could find in Canada. Unlike MPs and MPPs, they also have no support staff of their own. They have do most of it themselves. I don't pretend to know what the formula should be, but these people should be making at least \$75-\$80,000 and probably more. What is the median management pay at city hall, or in the public sector in London? Maybe that's a better measurement?
2022-01-07 11:59:26 -0700	I think so. They all have other roles in the community and seem to utilize this as supplementary income. This should be about serving the people, not money. I would suggest lowering it to the average part-time income for the year.

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2022-01-07 13:10:19 -0700	A general increase to the model should occur to better align the salary with the professionals we would hope to see occupy those roles. As it stands those with any form of relevant experience often must suffer a significant pay cut to serve on council.
2022-01-07 13:14:50 -0700	I feel if a councillor is doing more then orher councillors they should be compensated for that, or have to sit on a certain amount of committees If you are a councillor you are getting a fulltime pay you should be putting your full effort into our city and its people You should be paid by how many committees you are involved with You do the bare minimum that should be your salary
2022-01-07 13:19:46 -0700	London needs to start comparing to larger Canadian cities, and use their model.
2022-01-07 13:59:31 -0700	I believe the role of a city councillor is more of an executive level of employment, they're managing a major corporation. If we're going to use 'median incomes' of Londoners as a guide, I would suggest the starting mark be at least at the 75% mark, not the 50% mark.
2022-01-07 15:35:33 -0700	No.
2022-01-07 16:24:25 -0700	Yes, I would support an increase to attract good candidates
2022-01-07 19:33:18 -0700	Should be a volunteer position
2022-01-07 19:33:40 -0700	Should be a fixed rate
2022-01-07 19:37:07 -0700	No, public tax dollars are better spent on infrastructure and investments in the city, not councillors
2022-01-08 07:14:55 -0700	Increased
2022-01-08 08:10:57 -0700	No
2022-01-08 08:53:19 -0700	\$22/ hour
2022-01-08 09:28:25 -0700	The rate should be changed to reflect a The scope of the job and should be in line with what other large cities do.
2022-01-08 09:43:07 -0700	lowered or capped where it is.minimum wage earners dont make 50 grand a year.
2022-01-09 07:04:33 -0700	YES full time is necessary as to many decisions have been made where Councillors have opted out due to conflict of interest why even have them on board when there vote is not going to count.
2022-01-09 08:35:27 -0700	To nothing, to serve the City is an honor. They get enough "compensations" from the builders already. Ask XXXXXX.
2022-01-10 21:25:47 -0700	For most councillors it is part time work and not full time. Perhaps there should be less councillors - such as in Toronto where the numbers were greatly reduced when Doug Ford came in to power.
2022-01-11 06:45:20 -0700	Match it to other big cities.

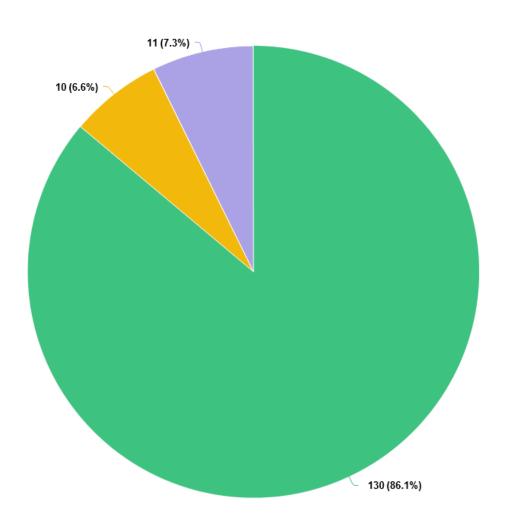
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2022-01-11 06:57:46 -0700	Hard to talk about compensation without talking about the size / scope of council? I have no problems with the adjustment of councillor remuneration upward if the role were full-time, and the number of councillors / wards reduced from 14 to 10 (plus mayor). I would benchmark salary against the mid-point of City of London management wage band for a second-level manager. The only adjustment would be for inflationary / economic adjustment of the wage band.
2022-01-11 07:15:13 -0700	I think this is a fair method of determining compensation for our representatives
2022-01-11 14:39:25 -0700	Include the expense account in their total compensation when you make the comparison. Make them keep time sheets to prove they're working and their value for money.
2022-01-12 07:31:37 -0700	Instead of median full-time rate, base it on 60th percentile.
2022-01-12 15:11:23 -0700	Based on inflation
2022-01-12 16:17:04 -0700	Yes, at least to half the increase of full-time employment
2022-01-12 17:27:34 -0700	70 000
2022-01-12 19:39:22 -0700	It should be noted that this is not a full time job. Median full time employment is generally fit full time positions.
2022-01-13 07:14:36 -0700	No change. I feel that this position is a way for the councillor to interact with the public in whatever other employment the councillor is engaged in. This has always been considered a part time position and should remain the same for people seeking election.
2022-01-13 07:27:05 -0700	No
2022-01-13 07:40:43 -0700	No more than minimum wage for half of a 40-hour work week.
2022-01-13 07:59:54 -0700	Compensation is too high for part time work, most have other full time work.
2022-01-13 08:03:03 -0700	If compensation is too high then you will not get a turnover in council members. Council should have a limited number of terms. It would allow for more new ideas by different people and give more opportunities.
2022-01-13 08:07:37 -0700	Wage should be indexed to inflation,
2022-01-13 12:11:17 -0700	Council members do more than the average full time employee. They should be paid more that that as well. 1.75 x Median full-time income.
2022-01-13 12:58:34 -0700	Position should be full time.
2022-01-13 16:32:22 -0700	No
2022-01-13 17:52:35 -0700	No
2022-01-13 20:52:19 -0700	I think median full time income is a good base. However I think it should fluctuate based on if they have a second job and # of hours worked.
2022-01-14 10:47:00 -0700	No
2022-01-16 15:00:45 -0700	Competitive wage based on other cities

Question 3: What factors are most important to you when setting compensation rates for Council Members? Please rank all answers, with #1 as most important and #6 as least important.

Option	Average Rank
Hours spent on Councillor duties	2.24
Consistent with local economy, average wage rates, cost of living	2.70
Nature of duties	2.95
Attraction and retention	3.54
Compensation rates of other municipalities	3.88
Other	5.08

139 responses, 15 skipped

Question 4: Should Council Members' compensation be periodically reviewed by an independent body?



Responses:

Yes - 130 (86.1%)

No – 10 (6.6%)

Not sure – 11 (7.3%)

150 responses, 4 skipped

Question 5: Is there anything else you would like the Compensation Committee to consider?

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2022-01-05 07:24:15 -0700	I doubt any of them put in part time hours, so make it full time and increase their salary accordingly.
2022-01-05 07:42:29 -0700	No
2022-01-05 07:48:55 -0700	Consider reducing the number of councilors but make it a full time job.
2022-01-05 07:55:55 -0700	Should not be paid if they leave for another govt position.
2022-01-05 07:58:16 -0700	Bill 124 - limits Nurses, Educators etc wage increase - should apply to City Council
2022-01-05 07:58:44 -0700	Council so not about earning a great living . Many in this community have to survive on this salary
2022-01-05 08:10:13 -0700	They took an outrageous increase a few years back that they should be holding for a year or two until we get major issues under control.
2022-01-05 08:25:53 -0700	I'm involved in the city but would never run for council because I could not support my family on the salary offered.
2022-01-05 08:31:29 -0700	Council should be paid a livable wage, that is competitive especially if the hours are deemed full time. What I don't agree with his
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2022-01-13 07:14:36 -0700	Consider the amount of time councilors devote to other committees or political groups that interfere with the councilors position with the City Of London. To many committee engagements will take away from being focused on the Ward the councilor is committed to. Also councilors take an oath to fulfill the responsibilities of the 4yr term and in no way should this enable a councilor to seek election in provincial or federal government while upholding a commitment to the people of this city.
2022-01-13 07:59:54 -0700	Compensation committee should consist of ordinary citizens. Attraction and retention is n/a Rates in other communities should not be a factor Compensation should be based on average wage of part time workers. Compensation based on actual time spent in council meetings, not inflated by attendance for social events. Citizens running for elected positions, compensation based on a feeling of civic duty and desire to improve the municipality on behalf of all citizens. Should not run based on the amount of compensation offered.
2022-01-13 12:58:34 -0700	Position should be a primary job for the rate of pay. Too many part timers
2022-01-13 16:32:22 -0700	No
2022-01-13 17:52:35 -0700	No
2022-01-14 10:47:00 -0700	No