



TO: Chair and Members of the Finance & Facilities Committee

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2017 BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Finance & Facilities Committee recommend that the Board of Health increase the Board's member compensation rate for a half-day meeting to \$151.49 retroactively to January 1, 2017.

Key Points

- The current half-day meeting rate for Board members eligible to receive remuneration is \$149.25, a rate established by the Board of Health in April 2016.
- On March 28, 2017, Middlesex County Council passed a new rate for its members of \$151.49, a 1.5 percent increase.

Background

Section 49 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA) speaks to the composition, term and remuneration of Board of Health members. Subsections (4), (5), (6) and (11) relate specifically to remuneration and expenses:

Remuneration

(4) A board of health shall pay remuneration to each member of the board of health on a daily basis and all members shall be paid at the same rate. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7, s. 49 (4).

Expenses

(5) A board of health shall pay the reasonable and actual expenses of each member of the board of health. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7, s. 49 (5).

Rate of remuneration

(6) The rate of the remuneration paid by a board of health to a member of the board of health shall not exceed the highest rate of remuneration of a member of a standing committee of a municipality within the health unit served by the board of health, but where no remuneration is paid to members of such standing committees the rate shall not exceed the rate fixed by the Minister and the Minister has power to fix the rate. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7, s. 49 (6).

Member of municipal council

(11) Subsections (4) and (5) do not authorize payment of remuneration or expenses to a member of a board of health, other than the chair, who is a member of the council of a municipality and is paid annual remuneration or expenses, as the case requires, by the municipality. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7, s. 49 (11).

In relation to Section 49(6), the Board of Health's current meeting rate is \$149.25, and has been in place since January 1, 2016.

2017 Compensation Rate

At its meeting on March 28, 2017, Middlesex County Council passed its 2017 operating budget, which included a per diem half-day meeting rate of \$151.49 effective January 1, 2017 (see [Appendix A](#) for the corresponding by-law). Historically, compensation rates passed by Middlesex County Council have been applied in remunerating Board of Health members eligible to receive compensation. The new County Council rate represents an increase of \$2.24 or 1.5 percent. If 2016 meeting costs were used, this would translate into an increase of approximately \$414 for 2017.

In accordance with Section 49(11) of the HPPA, Board members, other than the chair, who are city councillors do not receive an additional stipend for meetings, as it is deemed to be included in their annual remuneration from the city.

Conclusion

In accordance with Section 49 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act, and following past practice, it is recommended that the half-day per diem meeting rate for eligible Board of Health members be increased to \$151.49 retroactive to January 1, 2017.

This report was prepared by the Finance Team, Corporate Services Division.



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