

Councillors receive reports on what they made

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People elected to municipal councils know their jobs are filled with positive and negative aspects.

They get to attend a lot of functions, sometimes as honoured guests. But there are also a lot of demands on their time, as well as criticism from some in the public, not to mention the media.

On the other side of the issue, the pay is not bad.

Both the Town of Caledon and Peel Region released their council remuneration reports recently. In both cases, they were received without comment by their respective councils.

When salaries from both the Town and Region are combined with benefits received and reimbursement for expenses, all five of Caledon's representatives at the Region had passed the \$100,000 threshold for 2012.

Not surprisingly, Mayor Marolyn Morrison had the highest numbers. She received a salary of \$63,020 for serving in the Mayor's office, and the report from the Town stated she received \$11,064 in taxable benefits. On top of that, she was reimbursed for \$6,107 in expenses and another \$5,047 in mileage. Those numbers add up to a total of \$85,238 in remuneration from the Town. On top of that, Morrison received the standard stipend of \$50,416.78 as a Regional councillor, plus \$8,698.04 in benefits, according to the Regional staff report, for a total of \$59,114.82. In addition, she received \$5,063.89 to cover conferences and other expenditures, and another \$2,946.44 to attend board meetings of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

The figures for all the other councillors showed a base salary of \$27,881 from the Town.

Councillor Richard Paterak received \$6,359 in benefits, plus \$2,949 to cover expenses and \$4,638 for mileage, for a total from the Town of \$41,827. In addition to his Regional pay, Paterak got \$6,391.34 in benefits, plus \$6,022.72 for conferences and other expenses.

Councillor Doug Beffort received \$7,109 in benefits from the Town, according to the staff report, along with \$4,367 to cover expenses and \$2,857 for mileage. This came to a total of \$42,214.

Added to Councillor Allan Thompson's Town salary was \$7,210 in benefits, along with \$4,717 for expenses and \$6,687 for mileage for a total of \$46,495 from the Town. Added to that was Thompson salary from the Region, plus \$8,698.04 in benefits, \$7,777.48 for conferences and other expenditures. As well, there was \$510.16 in other remuneration and \$141.22 to cover other expenses in connection with his work with Credit Valley Conservation.

The benefits paid to Councillor Gord McClure by the Town came to \$7,109. There was also \$2,281 in expenses and \$6,245 in mileage, totalling \$43,516.

Councillor Richard Whitehead received \$4,810 in benefits from the Town, plus \$4,396 to cover expenses and \$4,957 for mileage, for \$42,044 in total. Along with his Regional salary, Whitehead got \$2,172.58 in benefits and \$3,785.41 for conferences and other expenditures. As well, there was \$1,819.02 in other remuneration and \$1,100 in other expenses through his work with Toronto and Region Conservation.

Councillor Nick deBoer received \$7,210 in benefits from the Town and \$843 to cover expenses (he didn't receive anything for mileage). His total from the Town came to \$35,934.

Councillor Patti Foley got \$7,210 in benefits from the Town, along with \$3,608 to cover expenses and \$1,984 for mileage for a total of \$40,683. In addition to her Regional stipend, Foley received \$8,698.04 in benefits and \$817.57 to cover conferences and other expenditures.

The benefits paid by the Town to councillor Rob Mezzapelli amounted to \$7,210. Combined with \$2,315 for expenses and \$2,096 for mileage, his total came to \$39,502.