



# **Council Remuneration Review Committee Report**

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# Background

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Council has established a Council Remuneration Policy that sets out compensation and benefits for the duly elected council of the day. The policy attempts to strike a balance between the work that is required of a public official and the call to serve one's community.

Council Compensation Policy C076-2 states that members of Banff Town Council will be provided with fair and reasonable remuneration for performing the duties of their office and reimbursement for the expenses that they incur in fulfilling their responsibilities.

Council salaries were first established in 1989 by a consultant hired to set salary grids for staff and council prior to the town's incorporation. Council salaries were adjusted in 2000 using a calculation based on cost of living increases received by the Town of Banff employees for the previous ten years. In 2006, the Town of Banff Corporate Affairs Sub-Committee was established to review and make recommendations on the remuneration provided to council. Following submission of the sub-committee's report, Council established its current remuneration and formula to determine increases on an annual basis.

In 2012, council convened a public committee to review council compensation and provide their recommendations for change. The Council Compensation Review Committee was established with a mandate to review, develop and present a report and recommendation of Council Remuneration for the term 2013-2016. The current Council Remuneration Policy C076-2 was adopted by council in July of 2013. The new policy stipulated that that a comprehensive remuneration review would take place every election year prior to the election, and that the review will be conducted through a committee comprised of Banff residents.

In the fall of 2016, council established the terms of reference and recruitment profiles for a Council Remuneration Review Committee (CRRC) and directed administration to advertise for the positions. Administration recruited members for the committee using newspaper advertisements, social media and the Town's website. Council appointed members at their 2016 annual organizational meeting. The appointed members brought a wealth of experience including expertise in financial management, human resources, intergovernmental relations and leadership.

The 2017 CRRC is comprised of three members: Mr. David Bayne, Ms. Connie Macdonald, and Mr. Brian Smythe. Two individuals who served during the 2013 remuneration review were appointed once again in 2016, thus providing the Committee with continuity and further insights into previous recommendations.

The Manager of Human Resources and the Municipal Clerk provided staff support to the public committee.

# Committee Terms of Reference

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The Terms of Reference identifies the Committee as an independent body charged with reviewing and bringing forward recommended changes on guiding principles for remuneration, base salary and per diems, benefits and allowance, full time equivalent status and periodic adjustments and remuneration review for the mayor and councilors.

The final report and recommendation of the CRRC are not binding upon council, and may be amended or set aside as council deems appropriate.

The Terms of Reference are attached to this report as Appendix B.

## Statement of Guiding Principles for Town of Banff Council Remuneration

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The CRRC recognized the importance of considering both the unique circumstance of public office within the Town of Banff, and the review of compensation as it relates to municipal public office in a manner that reflects the duties, responsibilities, skill, effort, authority and decision making. The residents of Banff believe that the Mayor and Councillors bring value to the community and should be remunerated appropriately in accordance with Banff's unique iconic stature as an international tourist destination and associated public profile of its elected officials.

The philosophy is to base the compensation for the Mayor and Councillors on a realistic scale and should reflect the demanding nature and responsibilities of that public office in order to attract capable candidates; however such compensation must also be reasonable to both members of council and to the citizens of Banff.

The CRRC's deliberations and resulting recommendations were undertaken with consideration of the following:

- There is a need for greater accountability to address growing expectations of the community with respect to the Mayor and Councillors' responsibilities and obligations throughout their term of office.
- Council salaries should not be perceived as a barrier to those seeking to serve the public in the office of Mayor or Councillor.
- The level of compensation should attract competent, motivated and well qualified community-minded citizens for the offices of Mayor and Councillor.
- The complexity, responsibilities, time commitments and accountabilities associated with the role of Mayor and Council in our community is unique based on its stature as an international tourist destination.
- Remuneration must be transparent, fiscally responsible, and easily understood by the electorate.

# Approach

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The first meeting of the CRRC was held in February of 2017. Following a review of the Terms of Reference for the Committee, members spent time in each meeting reviewing background information gathered to support their work. Information included previous council compensation review documentation and reports, Town of Banff policies pertaining to council remuneration, allowance and expenses, comparator municipality compensation information and recent compensation review reports from other municipalities. The CRRC reviewed, in detail, the approved remuneration recommendations following the 2013 compensation review to determine if they were still relevant given today's circumstances.

The CRRC held three subsequent meetings. Meetings focused on the selection of an appropriate comparator group of municipalities based on criteria to compare compensation practices, the establishment of a Statement of Principles, a review of total compensation, and development of the included recommendations against the Statement of Principles.

The review process was consistent with the Committee Terms of Reference and as part of the review process, the following documents, surveys and information were reviewed and discussed by the CRRC:

- Approved Town of Banff documents related to Council remuneration
- Information concerning the roles and responsibilities of municipal councils
- 2013 Town of Banff Council Compensation Review Report to Council
- Survey of current council on compensation and with an estimation of time commitments for the current Mayor and Council
- Council Remuneration Municipal Comparisons
  - City of Airdrie
  - Town of Canmore
  - Town of Chestermere
  - Town of Cochrane
  - Town of High River
  - Town of Okotoks
  - Town of Strathmore
  - MD of Foothills
  - Rockyview County
  - Resort Municipality of Whistler
  - Town of Sylvan Lake

\* All reference documents are available from the Town of Banff Municipal Clerk.

### **Input from Members of Council**

Members of council were asked to complete a questionnaire developed by the CRRC. Questions posed to council related to past, current and future demands being placed on council and the compensation received for performing their duties.

### **Town of Banff Council Compensation Philosophy**

The CRRC was briefed on the Town of Banff's compensation philosophy and principles around council's current remuneration based on the work of the previous review committee. These are the guiding principles that drive the Town's decision-making about how to pay council. In keeping with the compensation philosophy the committee aimed at providing a total compensation package that attracts suitable candidates balanced with the commitment to effective stewardship of public funds.

### **Market Survey Findings of Comparative Municipalities**

The CRRC engaged administration to conduct research of comparator municipalities to assist them in making informed recommendations.

The following municipalities were established by the CRRC as the appropriate comparator for the purposes of establishing compensation for elected officials:

- Town of Canmore
- Town of Cochrane
- Town of Okotoks
- Resort Municipality of Whistler

Compensation and allowance information provided from these comparative municipalities are included within this report as Appendix C.

### **Municipal Officers Expense Allowance - 2017 Federal Budget Changes**

The CRRC was updated by administration on changes in the 2017 Federal Budget that would affect council's current municipal officer's expense allowance.

Under the current federal tax legislation, up to one-half of a municipal councilor's total remuneration can be excluded from income (tax free). Total remuneration consists of a council members salaries, per diems, and general expense allowance.

While the federal tax laws allow up to one-half of total salary to be excluded from income, Alberta council members are only entitled, under the Municipal Government Act to receive one-third of their remuneration as a general allowance. Councillor's are not required to account for the allowance.

*257.1(2) One third of the remuneration paid in 1999 and later years by a municipality to a councilor is deemed to be an allowance for expenses that are incidental to the discharge of the councilor's duties.*

Currently Town council members remain under this provision with one-third of their remuneration being treated as expenses related to carrying out their duties (a tax free allowance) and two-thirds of their council remuneration remains taxable. This sum is not reflected in their salaries.

The 2017 Federal Budget eliminates the councillor tax exemption

- *Remove the tax exemptions for non-accountable expense allowances paid to members of provincial and territorial legislative assemblies and to certain municipal office-holders. This exemption is only available to certain provincial, territorial and municipal office holders, and provides an advantage that other Canadians do not enjoy.*

Further detail in the 2017 Federal budget States:

*The reimbursement of expenses incurred in the course of carrying out the duties of an office or employment is generally not a taxable benefit to the recipient. By contrast, a non-accountable allowance for which an individual does not have to provide details or submit receipts to justify amounts paid is generally a taxable benefit.*

*Municipal officials may, however, receive non-accountable allowances for work expenses that are not included in computing income for tax purposes.*

*Budget 2017 proposes to require that non-accountable allowances paid to these officials be included in income. The reimbursement of employment expenses will remain a non-taxable benefit to the recipient.*

*In order to provide affected organizations more time to adjust their compensation schemes, this measure will apply to the 2019 and subsequent taxation years.*

The CRRC considered the various options including:

- 1) Continuation of one-third tax free for 2018 and fully taxable, no change in gross pay in 2019.
- 2) Continuation of one-third tax free for 2018 and fully taxable and adjust gross pay to maintain same net pay in 2019.
- 3) Discontinuation of one-third tax free in 2018 and establish fully taxable gross pay starting the beginning of the 2017-2021 term of office.

There are no additional financial implications should the council decide to retain the one-third tax exempt status starting for 2018 and not adjust the gross pay in 2019.

Eliminating the one-third tax exempt status in 2018 and establishing the total compensation amounts starting at the beginning of the next council term would result in an annual financial impact of approximately \$35,000 starting in 2019 rather than 2018 due to increased compensation amounts.

A comparative analysis of the three options with detailed calculations (i.e. income tax projections) is attached as Appendix D to this report. The calculation for mayor assumes single source of income from the Town, and the calculations for councillor assume multiple sources of income. Actual marginal tax rates will vary based on all sources of income and deductions available to members of council.

# Recommendations & Rationale

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## Recommendations on the Remuneration of the Mayor

The position of Mayor should remain a full-time position.

That effective upon the swearing in of a new Council in October, 2017, the Mayor remuneration should be adjusted to reflect the average of the comparator group (Canmore, Cochrane, Okotoks and Whistler); and that the mayor should not receive per diems.

Further it is recommended that the 1/3 tax exempt allowance be retained for the year 2018. Effective 2019, the one-third tax-free portion of the mayor's remuneration would be eliminated and the mayor's salary be adjusted to generally reflect a neutral impact on the mayor's net salary.

Specifically, it is recommended that the base salary for the Mayor be adjusted as follows:

- (a) Effective October 23, 2017 until December 23, 2018 increase from \$79,953 to \$80,540. (1/3 non taxable)
- (b) Effective December 24, 2018 (first pay of 2019) increase from \$80,540 to \$93,426 (100% taxable); plus the market percentage increase approved in the annual budget and granted to all other Town of Banff employees.
- (c) In 2020 and 2021 increase the salary by the same market percentage approved in the annual budget and granted to all other Town of Banff employees.

## Rationale

The role of the Mayor of Banff has evolved over time. The Mayor has all the responsibilities of the other members of Council as well as actively advocating for the Town of Banff at local, provincial, national and even international levels. There is an expectation from the public that there is more importance placed on the role of the Mayor, including visibility and public commitments. There is also a need to establish a system of remuneration which would appropriately reflect these job requirements while recognizing the loss of other income opportunities while serving as mayor.

The work of the Mayor cannot be confined to a definable period of daily business, but is a seven-day-a-week commitment. Personal time, including vacations, can only be planned around this commitment.

The remuneration of Mayor is reflective of the time commitment and degree of responsibility for this position.

Analysis was conducted using the comparator municipalities to determine what the salary level should be for the position of Mayor.

Analysis indicated that no additional compensation should be provided for items such as chairing committees or representing the Town at an agency, board or committee.



With regard to the 1/3 tax exempt allowance, the CRRC is of the view that while members of council may not necessarily anticipate a salary increase during their term of office, they do not expect a decrease, nor is a decrease appropriate. As the current one-third tax free provides a savings to the municipality it should be maintained in 2018.

## **Recommendations on the Remuneration of Councillors**

### **Recommendation**

The position of councilor continues should continue to be considered part-time with remuneration to be based on one-third of the mayor's salary.

That effective upon the swearing in of a new Council in October, 2017, Councillors should be remunerated at approximately one-third of that of the Mayor, which would be \$26,900 per annum.

Further it is recommended that the 1/3 tax exempt allowance be retained for the year 2018. Effective 2019, the one-third tax-free portion of a councillor's remuneration would be eliminated and the councillor's salary adjusted to generally reflect a neutral impact on the councillor's net salary.

Specifically it is recommended that the base salary for the Councillors be adjusted as follows:

- (a) Effective October 23, 2017 until December 23, 2018 increase from \$26,478 to \$26,900. (1/3 non taxable)
- (b) Effective December 24, 2018 (first pay of 2019) increase from \$26,900 to \$30,185 (100% taxable); plus the market percentage increase approved in the annual budget and granted to all other Town of Banff employees.
- (c) In 2020 and 2021 increase the salary by the same market percentage approved in the annual budget and granted to all other Town of Banff employees.

### **Rationale**

Banff Councillors' work is such that a significant part-time commitment on the part of the elected official to fully perform their duties and obligations is necessary. Councillors' responsibilities require members to prepare for and attend meetings and events in addition to keeping informed on current issues while maintaining contact with residents. It should be understood that Councillors in a small community have a high public profile and that they are often required to be engaged with constituents on a daily basis.

Again, with regard to the 1/3 tax exempt allowance, the CRRC is of the view that while members of council may not anticipate a salary increase during their term of office, they do not expect a decrease, nor is a decrease appropriate. As the current one-third tax free provides a savings to the municipality it should be maintained in 2018.

## Recommendation on Per Diems

### Recommendation

That Councillors continue to receive a per diem for required attendance as an official representative outside the Bow Valley and that the same rates for per diems be retained in 2018.

It is recommended that the per diem rate be adjusted starting in 2019 to be net pay neutral based on the elimination of the 1/3 tax-free municipal officers expense. As the current one-third tax free provides a savings to the municipality it should be maintained in 2018.

Specifically the per diem rates should be as follows:

(a) Effective October 23, 2017

4 hours and less	\$90.00 (1/3 non taxable)
More than 4 hours	\$180.00 (1/3 non-taxable)

(b) Effective December 24, 2018

4 hours and less	\$105.00 (100% taxable)
More than 4 hours	\$210.00 (100% taxable)

Further, the CRRC recommends that for the purposes of travel the Bow Valley continued to be defined to include only Banff and Canmore.

### Rationale

Currently the per diem rate is \$180 per day (4 hours or more) and \$90 per half day (4 hours or less). This is an amount that a Councillor would receive when out of the Bow Valley on Town business. This amount is to offset the salary amount when they need to take a day off work.

The Mayor would not receive a per diem as she or he would now be compensated as working in a full-time position and would continue to receive regular salary.

## Recommendation on the Process for Future Remuneration Increases

### Recommendation

That Mayor and Council Base Remuneration continue to be adjusted effective January 1 of each year by the same market formula used in the annual adjustment for Town wages approved in the Financial Plan for all Town of Banff employees.

### Rationale

Due to the perceived conflict of interest in the process for wage adjustments, the level of compensation from members of council should be adjusted from time to time by an arm's length process.

The CRRC concluded that the amount of this adjustment was an acceptable basis for annual changes in compensation for council. The CRRC believes that an annual adjustment to the pay system ensures that council remuneration keeps pace with inflation and that large adjustment increases will not be required in the future.

## **Recommendation on Health Benefits Offered**

### **Recommendation**

That the current group extended health benefits plan and contributions rates provided for the class of elected officials be maintained for those members of Council who choose to be covered.

Council Member Group Benefits include:

- Life Insurance and Accidental Death and Dismemberment
- Dental Care
- Extended Health Care
- Employment and Family Assistance Program (confidential counselling)

### **Rationale**

Following an analysis of the health benefits provided to council of other comparator municipalities in each case the comparator group mirrored those provided by the Town of Banff.

The group plan benefits are optional for members of Council. Using this benefit plan offers economies of scale because administration systems are already in place for Town employees. It is a cost-effective method of providing health benefits to Council.

## **Recommendation on RRSP Benefit Program**

### **Recommendation**

That council members be offered enrollment in the Town's group RRSP benefit where the Town contributes an agreed upon percent of bi-weekly regular wages each pay period. Contributions would begin at the commencement of the elected term and cease on the final date of the term.

### **Rationale**

Elected officials are not eligible to participate in the Local Authorities Pension Plan of which the Town is a participating member. Since this policy was last reviewed, the Town of Banff has implemented a Registered Retirement Savings Plan for employees who are not eligible for in the LAPP due to employment status.

Following an analysis of the benefits provided to council of other comparator municipalities it was found that some municipalities provide a retirement benefit. Providing enrolment in a retirement plan would support the CRRC's total compensation consideration; "The level of compensation should attract competent, motivated and well qualified community-minded citizens for the offices of Mayor and Councillor" (page 4 of this report).

For consistency purposes the CRRC recommends that the RRSP contribution amounts be aligned with one of the two existing plan designs:

a.) Internal FT Terms	8% bi-weekly contribution	Approximate annual cost: \$19,400.00
b.) Contracted Terms	5% bi-weekly contribution	Approximate annual cost: \$12,100.00

## **Recommendation on Computer Allowance**

### **Recommendation**

No recommendation for change at this time.

## **Recommendation on Travel Expenses**

### **Recommendation**

No recommendation for change at this time.

## **Recommendation on Conference, Convention and Seminar Registration Fees**

### **Recommendation**

No recommendation for change at this time.

## **Recommendation on Attendance at Local Functions**

### **Recommendation**

No recommendation for change at this time.

## **Recommendation on Child Care Expenses**

### **Recommendation**

No recommendation for change at this time.

## **Recommendation on the Review of Council Remuneration**

### **Recommendation**

That Council continue to appoint an independent committee to review Council remuneration every four (4) years, during the last year of the term of each Council. No recommendations for change at this time.

### **Rationale**

The CRRC deems that it would be good practice to conduct a review of the council compensation policy every council term. Having an independent public committee separates the process of determining remuneration from Council while providing a process that is both transparent and accountable.

# Summary of Recommendations

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It is recommended that Governance and Finance Committee direct administration to bring back to council amendments to Council Remuneration Policy to implement the following recommendations:

1. That the base salary for the Mayor be adjusted as follows:
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  - c) In 2020 and 2021 increase the salary by the same market percentage approved in the annual budget and granted to all other Town of Banff employees.
3. Effective December 24, 2018 Per diem rates be adjusted as follows:
  - a) 4 hours and less                      \$105.00 (100% taxable)
  - b) More than 4 hours                      \$210.00 (100% taxable)
4. That Councillors be eligible for enrollment in the Town of Banff's group Registered Retirement Savings Plan from one of the following options:
  - i. Contribution rate of 8% of regular bi-weekly wages; or
  - ii. Contribution rate of 5% of regular bi-weekly wages
 With:
  - a) Optional councillor contribution
  - b) Contributions begin in the first pay period of the term and cease in the last pay period of the term (or on termination of position).

# **TOWN OF BANFF**

## **Terms of Reference**

### **Council Remuneration Review Committee**

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#### **1.0 COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE**

- 1.1 The Council Remuneration Review Committee (the “Committee”) is comprised of three (3) members of the public eligible in accordance with the Town of Banff Committee Appointments Policy.
- 1.2 The Committee shall elect a chairperson at their first meeting.
- 1.3 Members of the Committee will be appointed by Council directly, according to the Town of Banff Committee Appointments Policy.
- 1.4 If a member resigns or is unable to serve, a replacement may be appointed from the original list of applicants.

#### **2.0 TERM OF OFFICE**

- 2.1 In the year prior to a general municipal election, the Committee is established as a temporary Council committee.
- 2.2 The Committee shall terminate upon acceptance of the Committee’s final report by Council, which shall be completed on or before June 30<sup>th</sup> of the year of a general municipal election.

#### **3.0 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

- 3.1 The purpose of the Committee shall be to review and provide recommendation to the Town of Banff Council (the “Council”) with respect to the Town of Banff Council Remuneration Policy for the next term of office.
- 3.2 The report may include, but is not limited to, recommendations with respect to:
  - i) establishing a set of guiding principles for council remuneration;
  - ii) establishing the appropriate remuneration to be paid to the Council including specific recommendations on base salary and per diem amounts;
  - iii) benefits offered;

- iv) allowances and expenses;
- v) full time equivalent status;
- vi) options for making periodic adjustments to established remuneration; and
- vii) the establishment of standards for remuneration review.

#### 4.0 DUTIES AND POWERS

- 4.1 The Committee is advisory in nature, making recommendations to Council by way of report.
- 4.2 The chairperson and/or another Committee member shall present the Committee's recommendation to the Governance and Finance Committee prior to a public Council meeting to ensure comprehensiveness and completeness.
- 4.3 All decisions and recommendations of the Committee will be made through a consensus based approach. Consensus does not mean a decision that is perfect for all participants. It does mean a decision that all participants can live with, and that all participants agree to support the decision. For issues where consensus cannot be reached, the majority vote will determine the final decision.
- 4.4 The Committee will review relevant survey data and practices of other comparable markets (such as the Small Municipalities Human Resources Team – SMHRT) and the Alberta Municipal Services Corporation/Alberta Urban Municipalities Association – AUMA/AMSC. The Committee may conduct other reviews it feels are necessary to enable it to make recommendations.
- 4.5 The Committee is permitted to solicit external submissions and expertise as required.
- 4.6 Committee members will receive no honorarium for their volunteer services.

#### 5.0 MEETINGS

- 5.1 The Committee will determine the meeting schedule they require to complete their mandate.
- 5.2 All Committee meetings shall be open to the public, with item protected by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act discussed in camera in accordance with usual procedures.
- 5.3 The Committee meeting is to comply with the requirements of the *Municipal Government Act*, as amended, and the Procedural Bylaw of the Town of Banff, as amended or repealed and replaced from time to time.

**6.0 LIAISON**

- 6.1 The Manager of Human Resources, or designate, shall attend Committee meetings to act in an advisory capacity as a non-voting member.
- 6.2 The Municipal Clerk, or designate, shall provide administrative support to the Committee.

**7.0 REVIEW**

- 7.1 The Committee Terms of Reference shall be reviewed in the year preceding a general election to ensure that they reflect the current mandate of the Committee.





	Gross	Taxable	Federal Tax	Alberta Tax	CPP	Total Tax	Take Home	Gross up amount	Gross up rate	Additional Cost to Town
Mayor										
100% Taxable	\$ 80,540.00	\$ 80,540.00	\$ 12,064.78	\$ 5,939.18	\$ 2,564.10	\$ 18,003.96	\$ 62,536.04			
1/3 Tax Free	\$ 80,540.00	\$ 53,693.33	\$ 5,721.30	\$ 3,027.44	\$ 2,564.10	\$ 11,312.84	\$ 69,227.16	\$ 93,426.40	1.16	\$ 12,886.40
Gross Up Amount 100% Taxable	\$ 93,426.40	\$ 93,426.40	\$ 14,433.12	\$ 7,226.70	\$ 2,564.10	\$ 24,223.92	\$ 69,202.48			
Councillor										
100% Taxable	\$ 26,900.00	\$ 26,900.00	\$ 3,624.40	\$ 2,533.96	\$ 1,137.50	\$ 7,295.86	\$ 19,604.14			
1/3 Tax Free	\$ 26,900.00	\$ 17,933.33	\$ 2,362.62	\$ 1,692.86	\$ 700.44	\$ 4,755.92	\$ 22,144.08	\$ 30,666.00	6.84	\$ 22,596.00
Gross Up Amount 100% Taxable	\$ 30,666.00	\$ 30,666.00	\$ 4,149.34	\$ 2,883.92	\$ 1,347.06	\$ 8,380.32	\$ 22,285.68			\$ 3,766.00 Per councillor

Mayor Basic Remueration - 0 Tax Free	\$ 80,540.00	Bi-weekly	\$ 3,097.69		
Federal Tax	\$ 11,558.30		\$ 444.55		
Alberta Tax	\$ 5,869.50		\$ 225.75		
CPP	\$ 2,564.10		\$ 145.55		
Net Take Home	\$ 60,548.10		\$ 2,281.84		
Mayor Basic Remueration - 1/3 Tax Free	\$ 80,540.00	Bi-weekly	\$ 3,097.69	Taxable Income	\$ 1,974.35
Taxable Income	\$ 53,693.33		\$ 1,974.35		
Federal Tax	\$ 5,721.30		\$ 220.05		
Alberta Tax	\$ 3,027.44		\$ 116.44		
CPP	\$ 2,564.10		\$ 91.07		
Net Take Home	\$ 69,227.16		\$ 2,670.13		
Mayor Basic Remueration - 0 Tax Free	\$ 93,426.00	Bi-weekly	\$ 3,593.31		
Federal Tax	\$ 14,433.12		\$ 555.12		
Alberta Tax	\$ 7,226.70		\$ 277.95		
CPP	\$ 2,564.10		\$ 171.39		
Net Take Home	\$ 69,202.08		\$ 2,588.85		
Councillor Basic Remueration - 0 Tax Free	\$ 26,900.00	Bi-weekly	\$ 1,034.62		
Federal Tax	\$ 3,624.40		\$ 139.40		
Alberta Tax	\$ 2,533.96		\$ 97.46		
CPP	\$ 1,137.50		\$ 43.75		
Net Take Home	\$ 19,604.14		\$ 754.01		
Councillor Basic Remueration - 1/3 Tax Free	\$ 26,900.00	Bi-weekly	\$ 1,034.62	Taxable Income	\$ 689.74
Taxable Income	\$ 17,933.33		\$ 689.74		
Federal Tax	\$ 2,362.62		\$ 90.87		
Alberta Tax	\$ 1,692.86		\$ 65.11		
CPP	\$ 700.44		\$ 26.94		
Net Take Home	\$ 22,144.08		\$ 851.70		
Councillor Basic Remueration - 0 Tax Free	\$ 30,184.00	Bi-weekly	\$ 1,160.92		
Federal Tax	\$ 4,149.34		\$ 159.59		
Alberta Tax	\$ 2,883.92		\$ 110.92		
CPP	\$ 1,347.06		\$ 51.81		
Net Take Home	\$ 21,803.68		\$ 838.60		

Mayor assumes basic tax exemption (code 1) at 2017 rates  
Councillor assumes claim code "0" at 2017 rates

# POLICY COUNCIL REMUNERATION



## Policy C076-2

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### 1.0 POLICY

Members of Council will be provided with fair and reasonable remuneration for performing the duties of their office and reimbursement for the expenses that they incur in fulfilling their responsibilities.

### 2.0 PURPOSE

This policy is intended to clarify the remuneration and benefits available to a member of Council as well as determine which expenses will be assumed by the municipality when carrying out their official duties.

### 3.0 SCOPE

This policy applies to Council.

### 4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 Council is responsible for approving this policy and any amendments to it.
- 4.2 The Manager of Corporate Services is responsible for ensuring members of Council are compensated in accordance with this policy.

### 5.0 RELATED POLICIES

- 5.1 C048 – Travel Guidelines

### 6.0 DEFINITIONS

- 6.1 **Bow Valley** means the area between and including Francis Cooke Landfill and Lake Louise.
- 6.2 **Council** includes the positions of Mayor and Councillors.
- 6.3 **Base remuneration** is an all-inclusive amount provided to members of Council for their time and service with respect to attending to municipal matters including all meetings of Council or one of its boards, committees or commissions.

### 7.0 GENERAL

- 7.1 While the hours of work for members of Council are not regulated, the position of Mayor is considered to be “full-time” while Councillor’s positions are considered to be “part-time”.
- 7.2 In accordance with provisions of the Municipal Government Act, one-third of the annual remuneration paid to a member of Council will be paid as an allowance for expenses incidental to the discharge of their duties and will not be included in computing council’s taxable income in a taxation year. This allowance for expenses is intended to cover costs related to maintaining a home office and travel within the Bow Valley.

### 8.0 BASE REMUNERATION

- 8.1 Base remuneration shall be paid to members of Council for the performance of their duties as elected officials and provided for in Schedule “A” of this policy.

- 8.2 Effective January 1 of each year the Manager of Corporate Services shall adjust the base remuneration by the same percentage salary change approved in the annual budget and granted to all other Town of Banff employees.
- 8.3 Base remuneration will be paid biweekly with the regular Town of Banff pay cycle.

## **9.0 PER DIEMS**

- 9.1 Councillors may claim a per diem for required attendance as an official representative of the Town at conferences, workshops, seminars and meetings outside the Bow Valley as provided for in Schedule 'A' of this policy.
- 9.2 The Mayor is not eligible to claim per diems.
- 9.3 In situations where a member of Council is appointed to represent the Town in an official capacity on and external agency, board or committee, and a per diem is paid by that organization, the per diem received must be reported to the Town Manager and paid into Town revenue.

## **10.0 BENEFITS**

- 10.1 Members of Council participate in Town of Banff benefit programs where eligible and as outlined in the terms of the contract with the chosen benefit provider and based on the cost share provided to Town of Banff employees.

## **11.0 ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES**

### **11.1 Computer Allowance**

- a) Members of Council are required to use a computer device for municipal business. Members of Council that wish to use their own personal computer instead of having the Town supply them with a computer for municipal business shall receive a \$500 annual allowance.
- b) The allowance is for the period of November 1 to October 31. If the member of Council leaves office prior to the end of this period, the member of Council shall repay a prorated amount for every full month that they are not eligible for the allowance. If the member of Council chooses not to use their personal computer for council work anymore, then the Town will supply a computer and the member of Council shall repay the Town for the unused portion of the allowance.

### **11.2 Travel Expenses**

- a) Members of Council shall be reimbursed for travel and related expenses in accordance with Policy C048 – Travel Guidelines.
- b) Spouses of members of Council shall be reimbursed for travel and related expenses when accompanying their spouse to a conference, convention or seminar, to a maximum of one per year for the spouse of a Councillor, and to a maximum of two per year for the spouse of the Mayor, subject to the amount approved in the annual operating budget for this purpose.

**11.3 Conference, Convention and Seminar Registration Fees**

- a) The Town will pay registration fees for each Councillor to attend a maximum of two conferences, conventions or seminars per year in Canada, with no more than one per year outside of Alberta.
- b) The Town will pay registration fees for the Mayor to attend a maximum of four conferences, conventions or seminars per year in Canada, with no more than two per year outside of Alberta.

**11.4 Attendance at Local Functions**

The Town will pay costs associated with attendance of elected officials and their spouses at local functions when they are attending as official representatives of the Town.

**11.5 Child Care Expenses**

Members of Council shall be reimbursed for reasonable child care expenses incurred when attending meetings, conferences, conventions or seminars in an official capacity, upon submission of receipts.

**12.0 REVIEW OF COUNCIL REMUNERATION**

12.1 Council remuneration is to be reviewed during the last year of the term of each Council.

12.2 Council may request a committee of public members to review Council remuneration and bring forward recommendations that would be effective for the newly elected council.

**13.0 EXCEPTIONS**

13.1 Exceptions to this policy may be made by a majority vote of council.

**14.0 ATTACHMENTS**

Schedule A - Council Remuneration Schedule

**15.0 REPEALS POLICY: C076-1****16.0 EFFECTIVE DATE: OCTOBER 28, 2013****17.0 APPROVAL HISTORY**

Approved:	2013.07.08	COU13-184
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Karen Sorensen  
Mayor

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Robert Earl  
Town Manager

**SCHEDULE A**  
**Council Remuneration Schedule**  
**(2013)**

**BASE REMUNERATION**

**Effective October 28, 2013**

Mayor	\$77,000 per annum (1/3 non-taxable)
Councillor	\$25,500 per annum (1/3 non-taxable)

**PER DIEM RATES**

**Effective October 28, 2013:**

4 hours and less	\$90.00 (1/3 non-taxable)
More than 4 hours	\$180.00 (1/3 non-taxable)

**OTHER REMUNERATION**

**Effective October 28, 2013**

<b>Computer Allowance</b>	\$500 (1/3 non-taxable) (for the period of November 1 to October 31)
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Note: Schedule A is reviewed and updated by the Manager of Corporate Services on an annual basis under the authority of Council Policy C076-2, Section 8.2. A Council resolution is not required to approve these annual updates.