TO:

CITY MANAGER

1997 August 07

File: C58-1

FROM:

DIRECTOR FINANCE

SUBJECT:

1997 COUNCIL INDEMNITIES

PURPOSE:

To set Council indemnities in accordance with the formula set by

the Council Indemnity Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council indemnities for 1997 be set as detailed in the report; and

2. THAT the City Solicitor bring down a bylaw to establish the new indemnities effective 1997 January 01.

REPORT

1997 Indemnities

In 1992, Council established a Council Indemnity Advisory Committee comprised of five representatives from the local community. Their mandate was to review and report on Council indemnities. The Committee established a formula to calculate the increase in the 1992 indemnities and Council endorsed the continuation of the formula for establishing the 1993 to 1996 indemnities. The formula has again been used to establish the 1997 indemnities.

Using the formula, the percentage increase for 1997 is calculated as:

1996 Consumer Price Index Increase - Vancouver	.5%
1996 Industrial Aggregate wage increase - B.C.	2.7%
1996 Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 23 increase	1.5%
Average of the above three indicators	1.6%

This increase would be applied to the Councillor's indemnities for 1997. The Mayor's indemnity will be maintained at the 1996 level, resulting in the following indemnities:

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
Mayor	\$73,300	\$73,300
Each Councillor	25,061	25,462

The following is a comparison between the recommended indemnities and the indemnities for other local communities. The relative ranking of the seven municipalities surveyed is shown in brackets.

	Councillor	Mayor	Population
Vancouver	\$40,964(1)	\$92,988(1)	514,008(1)
Surrey	26,584(2)	72,362(3)	304,477(2)
Richmond	25,750(3)	66,245(5)	148,867(4)
Burnaby	25,462(4)	73,300(2)	179,209(3)
Coquitlam	20,515(5)	68,385(4)	101,820(5)
Delta	20,301(6)	60,903(6)	95,411(6)
Langley (Township)	16,688(7)	50,064(7)	80,179(7)

The recommended indemnities are:

	Total <u>Indemnity</u>	Expense Allowance Portion (1/3)	Balance of <u>Indemnity</u> (2/3)
Mayor Each Councillor	\$73,300	\$24,433	\$48,867
	25,462	8,487	16,975

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