

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION MANUAL	AM - 1.2.1
Section Council and Committees	Subject Remuneration for Warden, Deputy Warden and Councillors Policy

1. APPLICATION

This policy applies to members of Municipal Council.

2. AUTHORITY

Sections 23 and 24, *Municipal Government Act*, as amended
Income Tax Act (Canada), as amended

3. REMUNERATION OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Commencing on January 1, 2023

3.1 Each Councillor shall be paid \$33,988 per annum.

3.2 In addition to the payment as a Councillor:

- the Warden shall be paid a further \$33,988 per annum; and
- the Deputy Warden shall be paid a further \$11,098 per annum.

4. DEDUCTION FOR ABSENCES FROM MEETINGS

Members of Council shall normally attend all meetings of Council, Committee of the Whole and all advisory boards and committees to which Council has appointed them. Unless Municipal Council specifically determines by resolution to excuse the absence of a councillor, a deduction of \$75.00 from remuneration shall be made for each absence, subject to the following:

- three absences from meetings of Council, Committee of the Whole, or an advisory board or committee during any year (November to October) shall not be penalized;
- absences from meetings of Council, Committee of the Whole, or an advisory board or committee for which 5 business days' notice of the meeting or a change in the meeting date has not been provided shall not be penalized.
- absence from consecutive meetings on a single day shall be deemed one absence;
- failure to attend because of alternative formal business on behalf of Council shall not be deemed to be an absence; and
- attendance shall be at their respective discretion where the Warden and Deputy Warden are ex-officio members.

5. KILOMETRIC ALLOWANCE FOR MEETING ATTENDANCE

Members of Council shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in order to attend Council and Committee meetings or meetings of any organization to which they have been appointed by council. Reimbursement shall be at the rates contained in *AM-1.8.1 Travel and Expenses Policy*. The rate per kilometre shall be for actual distance travelled once each day to go to, and return from, every daily session of a meeting of the council or of a committee.

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6. MEDICAL / DENTAL BENEFITS

Participation in the group medical / dental plan shall be optional for all councillors.

7. ANNUAL INCREASE

Unless Municipal Council specifically determines otherwise by resolution, all council remuneration shall be adjusted annually by 1.7 % commencing on January 1st.

7. PENSION EQUIVALENT

For councillors who are unable to register in the County’s pension plan due to age restrictions, an additional taxable allowance shall be provided equivalent to nine (9) percent of gross earnings.

Municipal Clerk’s Annotation for Official Policy Book

I certify that this policy was adopted by Municipal Council as indicated below:

Seven (7) Day Notice **January 10, 2023**

Council Approval **January 17, 2023**

Carolyn Young ***January 18, 2023***

Municipal Clerk Date

At **Annapolis Royal** Nova Scotia

Amendments:

Enacted April 20, 1999

2002/09/17 Elected officials’ remuneration and allowances increased (5% of 1999 base), effective April 1, 2002.

2003/10/21 Elected officials’ remuneration and allowances increased (5% of 1999 base), effective April 1, 2003.

2003/10/21 Annual honoraria set for citizen members of Bridgetown Water Supply Area Advisory Committee.

2004/12/21 Annual honoraria set for citizen members of Lake Cady Water Supply Area Advisory Committee.

2006/07/18 Removed annual honoraria for Chair of the Board of Directors of the Annapolis Co. Municipal Housing Corp. and added bullet in Section 5 “*absences from meetings of Council, Committee of the Whole, or a Committee of Council for which 5 business days’ notice of the meeting or a change in the meeting date has not been provided shall not be penalized*”.

2008/11/18 Elected officials’ remuneration and allowances increased effective April 1, 2009.

2008/12/16 Revisions to Sections 7.3 and 7.4 to reflect: the inclusion of the Lawrencetown Water Supply Area Advisory Committee and removing honorariums limitations during an interim or general review.

2010/08/17 Revision to delete Subsection 7.8 which reads “*The annual honorarium for the Chair of each of the Executive, Finance, Priorities & Planning, and Heritage Advisory Committees shall be \$600*”

2010/09/21 Deleted references to Employment Equity & Environmental Advisory Committees

2010/12/21 Policy Renamed as “*AM-1.2.1 Remuneration for Warden, Deputy Warden and Councillors Policy*” and all references to remuneration for committees / citizen members transferred to new policies

2012/05/15 Elected officials’ remuneration and allowances increased by 10% effective retroactive to April 1, 2012.

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2013/02/19 In Section 5, changed the first bullet to reflect that absences would be tracked from November to October rather than in accordance with the fiscal year; inserted the new remuneration / allowance rates to commence April 1, 2013; and deleted the following from Section 6:

Notwithstanding, to be eligible to receive reimbursement for travel expenses each councillor is required to be in attendance when the meeting is called to order and until the normal or stated adjournment time unless excused by municipal council. Also, approved an increase of 2% for remuneration and allowances for councillors commencing April 1, 2013.

2013/04/16 In Section 6 removed the words “and subject to the conditions”; removed the sentence “Kilometric charges shall be for the actual distance traveled once each day to go to, and return from, the location of each meeting or all meetings at the same location on the same day”; and added the sentence “The rate per kilometre shall be for actual distance travelled once each day to go to, and return from, every daily session of a meeting of the council or of a committee.”

2013/11/19 Added Section 8 formalizing optional medical / dental benefits for councillors.

2014/05/20 Elected officials’ remuneration and allowances increased by 5% effective retroactive to April 1, 2014.

2015/04/21 **DELETED:**

ANNUAL INCREASE CALCULATION FOR BUDGET

All council remuneration shall be adjusted annually in accordance with the Nova Scotia Consumer Price Index of the previous fiscal year (average – all items) for approval as part of the annual operating budget.

REPLACED WITH:

ANNUAL INCREASE

Unless Municipal Council specifically determines otherwise by resolution, all council remuneration shall be adjusted for one year equivalent to 1.7 % commencing in 2015-16.

2016/04/19 Elected officials’ remuneration and allowances increased by 10%

2016/06/21 In Section 5, added in the second sentence “Unless Municipal Council specifically determines by resolution to excuse the absence of a councillor”.

2017/06/20

- Elected officials’ remuneration and allowances increased by 25%
- Added Section 9 - Pension Equivalent

2018/06/19

- Elected officials’ remuneration and allowances increased by 1.7%

2019/04/16

- Removed all references to “Allowances” (*necessary due to changes to Income Tax Act as of January 2019*)
- Made numbering changes resulting from deletions
- Increased elected officials’ remuneration to off-set loss in “take home” resulting from elimination of tax free allowances

2020/06/16

- Deleted Section 3:
REMUNERATION OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
~~3.1 Each Councillor shall be paid \$32,861 per annum.~~
~~3.2 In addition to the payment as a Councillor:~~
~~the Warden shall be paid a further \$32,861 per annum; and~~
~~the Deputy Warden shall be paid a further \$10,730 per annum.~~
and re-numbered subsequent sections

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2021/02/16

- Deleted in Section 7 “~~(subject to providing proof that he / she has established an instrument such as a Tax Free Savings Account or other suitable investment instrument for this purpose)~~”

2023/01/17

- Inserted new Section 3 (re-numbered subsequent sections):

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And amended Section 7 as follows:

ANNUAL INCREASE

Unless Municipal Council specifically determines otherwise by resolution, all council remuneration shall be adjusted for one year equivalent to **annually by 1.7 % commencing in 2015-16 on January 1st**.