Request for Decision – to Council

Council Meeting Date: January 7, 2020

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**Recommendation**

That Council approves the councillor expense claims processed for the period of November 2019.

**Background**

**Discussion:**
- These expense claims have been previously approved by the Mayor (or Deputy Mayor for the Mayor’s expense claim).
- These expenses attached do not include the following:
  - Monthly salary/honouraria as described in Councillor Remuneration and Expenses Policy No. CS-11-001.
  - Direct payments to vendors by the County for the following:
    - Conference and workshop registrations
    - Hotel rooms
    - Transportation (usually airfare)

**Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:**
- Most municipal councils follow proactive disclosure of their expenses as a best practice.
- This proactive disclosure is authorized by the *Municipal Government Act* and the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP)*.
- Requests for further information from the public can be directed via a FOIP request to the County’s FOIP coordinator for a fee.

**Desired Outcome(s):**
- Openness and transparency with the public, as well as within Council, is supported by Council approving their expense claims in a Council meeting.

**Response Options:**
- Council may approve the councillor expense claims.
- Council may seek further information from Administration.
Strategic Alignment

- Submission of the councillor expense claims is congruent with maintaining the County’s economic resiliency as described in the County’s vision statement.
- Financial prudence and control is fundamental to Lac la Biche County’s long-term sustainability and growth.

Implication of Recommendation

Organizational:
- There is no organizational impact to this recommendation.

Financial:
- This recommendation and package gives Council an opportunity to review councillor expenditures, which have been included in the 2019 budget.

Implementation:
- Council expenses have been reimbursed.

Communication:
- Review of Council’s expense claims will be noted in the Regular Council Meeting minutes.

Attachments

1. November 2019 Councillor expense claims

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