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Item No. 2 Amendment to the Councillors' Ward Allowance (CWA) Fund Policy – Rate of Reimbursement for Mileage for Councillors' Staff

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 6, 2022, the Governance Committee of Council recommended to Council:

1. That the eligible expenses of the "Transportation – Mileage and Parking" section of the Councillors' Ward Allowance Fund Policy, be amended as set out in Attachment A, to set the reimbursement rate for Councillors' Staff to be at the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) rate, with these expenses to be funded outside of the CWA similar to Councillors' Transportation Allowances.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 6, 2022, the Governance Committee of Council passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Councillors' Ward Allowance Fund Policy (CWA Policy) indicates that Councillors' staff can receive a reimbursement for mileage incurred while using their personal vehicle in the performance of their duties, at a rate of $0.15/km;

AND WHEREAS the rate of $0.15/km was set at this low level as it was intended to be for Councillors, who also receive a monthly flat rate auto allowance;

AND WHEREAS the CRA annually establishes "Reasonable per-kilometre allowance" rates, which in 2022 is $0.61/ km;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the eligible expenses of the "Transportation – Mileage and Parking" section of the Councillors' Ward Allowance Fund Policy, be amended as set out in Attachment A, to set the reimbursement rate for Councillors' Staff to be at the CRA rate, with these expenses to be funded outside of the CWA similar to Councillors' Transportation Allowances;

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.