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Mayoral Decision
2024-012

Decision Number:	2024-012
Date:	April 8, 2024
Subject:	Veto part of Bylaw Number 6595-24 adopted on March 26, 2024

In accordance with Part VI.1 (Special Powers and Duties of Head of Council) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Section 284.11 (Veto Powers),

- (2) Despite any procedure by-law passed by the municipality under subsection 238 (2) and subject to subsection (3) of this section, if the head of council is of the opinion that all or part of a by-law that is subject to this section could potentially interfere with a prescribed provincial priority, the head of council may provide written notice to the council of the intent to consider vetoing the by-law.
- (3) If the head of council intends to consider vetoing the by-law, the head of council shall provide the written notice described in subsection (2) on or before the earlier of two days after the day council voted in favour of the by-law or the prescribed deadline, if any.
- (4) Despite any other Act, a by-law that is subject to this section shall be deemed not to have been passed by council until,
 - a. if notice has not been given under subsection (3), the earlier of,
 - I. the day written approval of the by-law is given by the head of council to the municipality, and;
 - II. two days after the day council voted in favour of the by-law or the prescribed deadline, as the case may be; or
 - b. if notice has been given under subsection (3), the earlier of,
 - I. the day written approval of the by-law is given by the head of council to the municipality, and
 - II. 14 days, or such other prescribed time period, after the day the council voted in favour of the by-law.\
- (5) Subject to subsection (6), if the head of council is of the opinion that all or part of the by-law could potentially interfere with a prescribed provincial priority, the head of council may veto the by-law by providing to the clerk, on the day of the veto, a written veto document that includes the veto and the reasons for the veto.

The Mayor hereby states the following:

That in accordance with subsection 284.11(5) of the Municipal Act, I am vetoing part of By-law Number 6595-24 adopted at the March 26, 2024 Council meeting that confirmed the motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by Council in regard to Motion 9.1 – Re: Council Compensation for the following reasons:

As the head of Council, it is my opinion that, as a 42.6% increase in total compensation for Council members was not included in the adopted 2024 budget, the unbudgeted utilization of taxpayer funds for this purpose could potentially interfere with provincial and Town priorities, including anticipated initiatives that may be brought forward in 2024 for affordable housing and infrastructure.

Tom Mrakas, Mayor