

October 30, 2017

Mr. Jeff Fielding,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation to request your assistance with obtaining information on the City of Calgary's Elected Officials Supplementary Pension plan (EOSP).

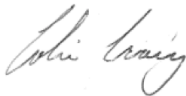
We recently tried to obtain information on the plan, but did not receive a complete response to our freedom of information request and attempts to reach staff by phone were unsuccessful.

Could you please provide answers to the following questions?

- 1) Why is the mayor the only council member with two pensions? How did the second plan morph from being presented as a plan for all of council to only the mayor qualifying for the benefit?
- 2) The city's response to our FOI indicated that from 2008 to 2017 the plan cost taxpayers \$329,177. We were told the city doesn't have data for previous years – how could that be?
- 3) City documents indicate the plan operates on a "pay as you go" basis. Our interpretation is that the \$329,177 would have been used to pay for retired members of council. Are there any estimates as to what taxpayers will have to pay in the future for Mayor Nenshi's benefits from the second pension plan?
- 4) The pension plan allows for "up to \$3,000" in vehicle benefits to be included in the calculation of future pension benefits. Do any other City of Calgary pension plans take into account an employee's vehicle allowance?

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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