WHEREAS councillors are assigned an annual budget for their office which is governed by the Elected Officials' Expenses Policy.

AND WHEREAS the current policy governs how councillors may allocate the assigned funds to office expenses, communications, facility rentals, community improvements, attendance at functions and other areas with clear limitations and qualifications around each expense type.

AND WHEREAS councillors have used the funds applicable under the Community Improvements section of the policy for a wide variety of projects such as additional park benches, tree plantings, wall murals and sponsoring community events for clear benefits to the residents or their community.

AND WHEREAS in this term of council there have been no surplus funds provided through the Federal or Provincial gas tax funds which previously provided councillors with the ability to undertake improvements in parks, on trails or other areas, where a small infusions of funds could help make further improve an existing project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the section on Community Improvement in the Elected Officials' Expenses Policy 04-05-04 be amended to state:

"Elected officials may contribute directly to a local community improvement project, up to a maximum of \$5,000 to augment existing allocation of funding as approved in the City's Capital Plan, and a maximum of \$750 per project for other types of local community improvement projects."

Joe Jonath