

Council costs about \$150,000, report says

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South Bruce Peninsula Mayor John Close took home remuneration and expenses of just under \$25,000 for council business and another \$1,300 for serving as a member of the police services board in 2012.

The numbers were received by council in a report at a recent council meeting.

Remuneration and expenses for the entire council came in at just under \$ 150,000, with another approximately \$5,000 for the three members of the police services board.

Close received \$20,068.92 in remuneration in 2012, with additional mileage expenses of \$2,689.34, computer and telephone expenses of \$ 600 and convention and conference expenses of \$1,553.18 for a total of \$24,911.45. He also received \$1,100 as a member of the police services board and another \$ 201.97 in related mileage expenses for a total of \$1,301.97.

The numbers for the rest of council were: Coun. Marilyn Bowman, \$13,379.28 in remuneration, \$1,224.63 in mileage, \$ 600 for computer and telephone for a total of \$15,203.91; Coun. Janice Jackson, \$13,379.28 in remuneration, \$1,341.57 in mileage, \$600 for computer and telephone, \$1,075.84 for conventions and conferences, for a total of \$ 16,396.69; Coun. Jay Kirkland, \$13,379.28 in remuneration, \$918.50 in mileage, \$600 for computer and telephone, \$ 968.98 for conventions and conferences, for a total of \$15,866.76; Coun. Karen Klages, \$ 13,379.28 in remuneration, \$ 805.56 in mileage, \$ 600 for computer and telephone, for a total of \$14,784.84; Coun. Paul McKenzie, \$13,379.28 in remuneration, \$1,320.39 in mileage, \$ 600 for computer and telephone, \$ 1,474.44 for conventions and conferences for a total of \$16,774.11; Coun. Matthew Standen, \$13,379.28 in remuneration, \$335.49 in mileage, \$550 for computer and telephone, \$1,050.89 for conventions and conferences, for a total of \$15,315.66; Coun. Chris Thomas, \$ 13,379.28 in remuneration, \$ 600 for computer and telephone, \$569.86 for conventions and conferences, for a total of \$14,549.14; Coun. Jim Turner, \$ 13,379.28 in remuneration, \$ 923.02 in mileage, \$ 600 for computer and telephone, \$1,114.28 for conventions and conferences, for a total of \$16,016.58.

The other members of the police services board who received money were: Yvonne Harron, \$1,320 in remuneration, \$361.83 in mileage, for a total of \$1,681.83; and Pat Varley, \$1,540 in remuneration, \$ 450.86 in mileage, for a total of \$1,990.86.