

Lawsuits impact taxpayer: reader

A major contributing factor in the premium increase in Aurora Town's insurance coverage is the skyrocketing cost emanating from Council member lawsuits.

With the in-fighting among Council members, tens of thousands of dollars have already been expended in defending actions, with, additionally, tremendous town staff manpower lost in having to attend and address these.

Insurance companies are not benevolent societies, who look benignly upon Council chamber insurance covered squabbles.

They are very much profit and loss institutions and will ensure that through substantially increased premiums, over years, a level of cost recovery is ultimately achieved.

While offending Council members go scot-free, it is again the property tax payers, who are on the hook for the increasing cost, which, with a degree of self-restraint by Council members, and consciousness of how their conduct financially impacts the Town, could be avoided.

Too bad there is not a Council member cost contributing factor for frivolously caused lawsuits, which appear to be more personality (or politically) motivated rather than based on justifiable causes.

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