

**Per diem increase  
for the  
City of  
Williams Lake**

On the City's website, in the 'City of Williams Lake Regular Council Agenda for Tuesday, March 5, 2013 item H (4) reads: "[In-Camera Report #6-2013 re Increase in Daily Per Diem Travel Rate](#)".

At a special in-camera meeting of Council held February 26, 2013 the following resolution was passed:

"Pursuant to the report of the Manager of Human Resources dated February 19, 2013 Council approve an increase in the daily per diem rate for travel from \$60-\$80."

This item is being brought forward at a regular meeting of Council to become a matter of public record.

*Updated 5-March-13:* After this story ran originally, Got News Network submitted some additional questions to the City's Communication Coordinator, who provided the following information: "The per diem increase is a change to a Council policy that governs travel expenses for City Council and all employees in the performance of their duties. It was changed as a result of negotiations with the Union. The increase to the maximum allowed for meals and incidentals is actually to \$80 from \$67.20 per day, so it's not a 33% increase. The total was changed from \$60 to \$67.20 a couple of years ago. The resolution (where Got News Network Inc. got the information for this article) does say \$60, so that would be incorrect on the City's part. This breaks down to a maximum of \$15 for breakfast, \$20 for lunch, \$35 for dinner, and \$10 for incidentals for a total of \$80. There is no limit on consecutive days or an annual cap, but all travel expenses must fit within the budgets set for Council and staff travel and training."

**Council to increase daily per diem rate for travel by 33 percent**

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