

From: J Twyford
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 03:43 PM
To: Caterini, Rose
Subject: Mayor's \$10,000 Donation

Hi Rose:

I am concerned that the Mayor has made a donation to the United Way to the tune of \$10,000, which he took from his office budget. I have two problems with this. One, I don't believe that the Mayor, or anyone on Council for that matter, should be making significant donations to any charity or fundraising venture out of their office budget. This money is taxpayers' money and as such should always be used in a fiscally prudent manner. My other concern with this is that the Mayor has been reported as having said that he could simply have made dozens of \$350.00 donations and not broken any rules. I find this assertion astonishing. It should not be possible to give away any significant amount of money in dribs and drabs, and if there are no limits to the number of these donations, then some very low limits need to be put in place.

I would like council to look into this whole charitable donation issue further and determine what policy changes might be required to see that this doesn't happen again.

Sincerely,
Julie Twyford