



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: City Clerk
SUBJECT: 2012 FCM Sustainable Communities Conference - February 8-10, 2012 -
Ottawa, ON

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council give consideration to authorize Councillor Andrea Reimer to attend the 2012 FCM Sustainable Communities Conference. Conference to be held in Ottawa from February 8-10, 2012 with expenses estimated at \$1720.75 to be funded from the Councillor's 2012 Travel Budget.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The City's Mayor and Council Members' Expenses By-law No. 8904 requires Council approval for Council member reimbursement of expenses incurred while on City business.

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager submits this report for Council's consideration.

REPORT

Background/Context

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for Councillor Reimer to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' 2012 Sustainable Communities Conference (FCM - SCC).

As the Council appointed lead on the Greenest City initiative and Chair of the Planning, Transportation and Environment Committee, Councillor Reimer has been offered a discount on registration to reflect the FCM's desire to have an official City of Vancouver representative.

The FCM - SCC brings together municipal leaders from across the country to share experiences and learn from peers on the innovative, integrated approaches to reduce environmental impacts, build social cohesion and create economic opportunities that municipalities are undertaking across the country.

Strategic Analysis

Vancouver is deservedly viewed as a national leader on sustainability through the Greenest City action initiative and it is important that the City is represented by the lead councillor on Greenest City initiatives at the only annual national conference on municipal sustainability issues.

The FCM - SCC also provides an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas and develop new relationships that are beneficial to the City of Vancouver's Greenest City initiatives, one of four Council-identified priorities.

Financial

The estimated costs to be funded from the Councillor's 2012 Travel Budget are as follow:

Item	Estimated costs
Airfare	\$ 485.44
Accommodation (3 nights @ \$258.77/night)	776.31
Registration	409.00
Ground transportation	50.00
Total estimated costs	\$1720.75

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