



## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council  
FROM: City Clerk  
SUBJECT: Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA ) AGM and Conference, May 9-11, 2012, Whistler BC

### ***RECOMMENDATION***

THAT Council give consideration to authorize Councillors Affleck, Ball, Carr, Jang and Reimer to attend the LMLGA AGM and Conference from May 9-11, 2012 at Whistler, BC. Total estimated expenses for five Council Members are \$ 4,062.50 to be funded from the Councillors' 2012 Travel Budget.

### ***REPORT SUMMARY***

This report seeks Council's approval for Councillors Affleck, Ball, Carr, Jang and Reimer to attend the LMLGA AGM and Conference from May 9-11, 2012 at Whistler, BC.

### ***COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS***

The City's Mayor and Council Members' Expenses By-law No. 8904 requires that a Council member wishing to engage in an activity that is representing the city, engaging in city business or attending a course, meeting or convention within or outside British Columbia must request Council's prior approval. If Council's approval is granted, the Council member may claim reimbursement for expenses incurred in accordance with the By-Law.

### ***CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS***

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

**REPORT*****Background/Context***

The LMLGA is one of the five area associations of the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM). It includes 33 local governments (from Pemberton to Hope) and three regional districts: Squamish Lillooet Regional District, Metro Vancouver and Fraser Valley Regional District.

The LMLGA is a non-profit organization whose purposes are:

- to enhance and provide the format to improve and refine the quality and level of services provided by Local Government to its citizens;
- to promote the welfare and the well being of taxpayers and residents of the members of the Association;
- to promote and support to a satisfactory resolve, the concerns of members that are in keeping with the overall objectives of the Association; and
- to promote and advance to UBCM on behalf of the membership, proposed changes in legislation, regulations or Government policies.

***Strategic Analysis***

The LMLGA AGM and Conference is an annual event for elected officials from Lower Mainland local governments which provides a venue to debate issues and move resolutions forward to UBCM. The AGM is also a unique opportunity to network and explore ideas and initiatives that are relevant and specific to the communities of the Lower Mainland.

***Implications/Related Issues/Risk (if applicable)******Financial***

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

Item	Estimated Costs
Registration: \$260 per person x 5	\$1,300.00
Accommodation: 2 nights @ \$165 night (+ applicable taxes) per person x 5	\$1,650.00
Per Diem: 2.5 days @ \$60.00 day (less meals provided)per person x 5	\$ 450.00
Ground Transportation: mileage 0.53/km x 250 kms (return) per person x 5	\$ 662.50
<b>Total Estimated Costs</b>	<b>\$4,062.50</b>
<b>Total Estimated Cost Per Person</b>	<b>\$ 812.50</b>

*CONCLUSION*

Council members' attendance at the LMLGA AGM and Conference would provide a unique opportunity to network and explore ideas and initiatives that are relevant and specific to the communities of the Lower Mainland.

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