

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: City Clerk

SUBJECT: Request to Travel - FCM Sustainable Communities Conference 2013 -
Councillor Reimer

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council give consideration to authorize Councillor Andrea Reimer to attend the 2013 Sustainable Communities Conference. Conference is to be held in Windsor, ON from February 12-15, 2013 with expenses estimated at \$2160.00 to be funded from the 2013 Councillors' 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

Request from Chair of the Planning, Transportation and Environment Committee under the City's Mayor and Council Member's Expenses bylaw No. 8904 to represent the City of Vancouver at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2013 Sustainable Communities Conference (FCM-SCC). 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 viewed as a national leader on sustainability through the award-winning Greenest City action initiative and as such 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 2013 Travel Budget as follows:

Item	Estimated costs
Airfare	\$ 1005.00
Accommodation (3 nights @ 99.00/night)	335.00
Registration	770.00
Ground transportation	50.00
Total	\$2160.00

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