



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Deputy City Clerk
SUBJECT: Canadian LGBTQ+ Politicians Summit Travel Approval Request - June 2017

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorize Councillor Tim Stevenson to attend the Canadian LGBTQ+ Politicians Summit from June 7-9, 2017, to be held in Ottawa, ON, with expenses estimated at \$2,015.00 to be funded from the 2017 Councillors Travel Budget.

REPORT SUMMARY

The City Councillor under the City's Mayor and Councillor Expenses Bylaw No. 11529, requests to represent the City of Vancouver at the first annual Canadian LGBTQ+ Politicians Summit.

The Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity (CCGSD) has invited LGBTQ+ politicians from municipal, provincial/territorial and federal levels of government to come together for education and networking. Randy Boissonnault, MP (Edmonton Centre) and Special Adviser on LGTBQ+ issues to the Prime Minister, and Cheri DiNovo, MPP (Parkdale - High Park), will be hosting the Summit.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The City's Mayor and Councillors Expenses Bylaw No. 11529 requires Council approval for Council member's reimbursement of expenses incurred while on City business.

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager submits the foregoing recommendation for Council's consideration.

REPORT***Background/Context***

This is a summit of LGBTQ+ elected politicians in Canada from all levels of government. This is the first time such a summit has been held in Canada. The Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity (CCGSD) with Mr. Randy Boissonnault, MP (Edmonton Centre), and Special Adviser on LGBTQ+ issues to the Prime Minister, and Ms. Cheri DiNovo, MPP for Toronto, Ontario riding of Parkdale-High Park, are hosting the Summit. Issues pertaining to all aspects of LGBTQ+ communities across Canada at a government level will be discussed with research that is being conducted currently by the CCGSD.

Strategic Analysis

The political situation in Canada has significantly changed with the election of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. There is more opportunity across the country for organizing at a political level.

This Summit will be the first of its kind. Politicians from all levels of government will gather to share ideas and concerns around:

- What parts of the country needs special attention?
- Why levels of government are still lagging behind the recent advancement of rights in the past 20 years.
- How can each level of government assist the others with issues LGBTQ+ communities still face?
- How do we elect more LGBTQ+ individuals in all levels of government?

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

The estimated costs to be funded from the Councillors' 2017 Travel Budget are as follows:

Item	Estimated Costs
Airfare: Vancouver-Ottawa return	\$1,145.00
Ground transportation (\$35 each way)	\$ 70.00
Accommodation: 2 nights at \$340.00 per night	\$ 680.00
Per Diem: \$60 per day	\$ 120.00
Total Estimated Costs	\$2,015.00