



CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: City Clerk

SUBJECT: Councillor Tim Stevenson Attendance at the 17th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm April 30 - May 4, 2006

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That Council authorize Councillor Tim Stevenson to attend the 17th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm to be held in Vancouver from April 30, 2006 to May 4, 2006, at an estimated cost of \$883.00, source of funding to be the Councillor's 2006 travel budget.
- B. That Council grant a Leave of Absence for Councillor Tim Stevenson for the May 2, 2006 Business License Hearing and Council Meeting and for the May 4, 2006 City Services and Budgets Meeting, the Planning and Environment Meeting and the Court of Revision Meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

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

COUNCIL POLICY

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 outside British Columbia must request Council prior approval. If Council approval is granted, the council member may claim reimbursement for expenses incurred in accordance with the By-law.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for Councillor Tim Stevenson to attend the 17th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm April 30 - May 4, 2006 as a representative of the City.

DISCUSSION

At the Regular Council Meeting held on April 26, 2005, Council approved that the 17th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm be hosted in Vancouver in the spring of 2006. The conference will be co-hosted by the Harm Reduction 2006 Society and the International Harm Reduction Association with the support of Providence Health Care.

Councillor Stevenson wishes to attend the Conference as this Conference serves as a platform for education, research, dialogue and debate; facilitates the exchange of practical harm reduction tools; and provides an opportunity for ongoing collaboration amongst civic leaders, peers, care providers, law enforcement agencies, researchers and other participants. Councillor Stevenson is committed to the ongoing development of the drug policy in Vancouver.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated costs to be funded from the 2006 Councils Travel and Training Budget are as follows:

Item	Estimated Costs
Registration (incl. GST)	\$ 883.00
Total Estimated Costs	\$ 883.00

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