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## CITY OF VANCOUVER

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: City Clerks

SUBJECT: Councillor Peter Ladner's Travel to Toronto, Ontario, January 22 - January 24, 2007

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize Councillor Peter Ladner to attend the Wireless Cities Summit to be held in Toronto, Ontario, January 22 - January 24, 2007 at an estimated cost of \$2,146.86, source of funding to be the Councillor's 2007 travel budget.

#### 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 Peter Ladner to attend the Wireless Cities Summit to be held in Toronto, Ontario, January 22 - January 24, 2007 as a representative of the City as this is an area of particular interest to the Councillor.

## BACKGROUND

The City of Vancouver is looking at the feasibility of a municipal wifi system. Next steps include canvassing potential users and the public, determining feasibility and potentially choosing the best model for delivering this service. This conference brings together experts from cities in Canada, the U.S. and Europe to describe their municipal wireless projects. Given all the unanswered questions about the best business model, Vancouver would benefit from attendance to learn from other cities' experience.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated costs to be funded from the 2007 Travel Budget are as follows:

Item	Estimated Costs
Registration (Wireless Cities Summit)	\$ 897.00
Airfare - return	\$ 591.86
Accommodations - 2 nights @ \$189 (excl. GST)	\$ 378.00
Ground Transportation (approx.)	\$ 100.00
Per Diem - 3 days X \$60.00/day	\$ 180.00
<b>Total Estimated Costs</b>	<b>\$ 2,146.86</b>

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