



CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: City Clerk

SUBJECT: Councillor Elizabeth Ball's Travel to Kings Lynn, UK
June 19 - June 25, 2007

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize Councillor Ball to attend the Captain Vancouver Festival being held in King's Lynn, UK from June 19 - 25, 2007 at an estimated cost of \$3688.40, to be funded from the Councillors 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 Ball to attend the Captain Vancouver Festival in King's Lynn, UK from June 19 - June 25, 2007 as a representative from the City of Vancouver.

BACKGROUND

The Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk is celebrating the 250th birthday of Captain George Vancouver with a weeklong program of festivities.

Captain George Vancouver was born in King's Lynn in 1757 and sailed with Captain Cook as a young midshipman. His later explorations and meticulous survey literally put onto the map of the world the intricacies of the North West coast of mainland Canada, an achievement that places him in the first rank of marine surveyors.

During the week beginning 18th June, there will be a program of events aimed specifically at schools and made appropriate to the national curriculum. The program will be run within the heart of Kings Lynn's fabulous historic buildings and quayside, in partnership with King's Lynn Arts Centre, True's Yard, Green Quay and the King's Lynn museum.

Because of the historical connection with the City of Vancouver, it would be appropriate to have Council Representation at this celebration.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

Item	Estimated Costs
Airfare	\$ 1635.00
Accommodations - 6 nights @ C\$205/night (inclu. applicable taxes)	1230.00
Ground Transportation (approx)	155.00
Medical Insurance	30.00
Per Diem - 8 days X US\$70.00/day {@1.14}	638.40
	\$ 3688.40