



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: City Clerk's Office

SUBJECT: Councillor Heather Deal's Request to Attend Workshop in Harrison Hot Springs, March 6-7, 2009

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorize Councillor Deal to attend the workshop "From the Ground up: Using Local Assets to Build Inclusive Sustainable Communities" being held at Harrison Hot Springs, March 6-7, 2009, at an estimated cost of \$ 495.88 to be funded from the Councillors 2009 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 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 Deal to attend the "From the Ground up: Using Local Assets to Build Inclusive Sustainable Communities" Workshop.

BACKGROUND

This conference is organized by the Columbia Institute to give elected City and School Officials an opportunity to network and meet experts in economic development and related fields and learn more about approaches to sustainability and governance. This workshop has been undertaken in other parts of the Province. For further information, refer to their website: <http://www.civicgovernance.ca/greenglass>

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated costs to be funded from the 2009 Travel Budget are as follows:

Item	Estimated Costs
Workshop Registration (includes one night accommodation)	\$ 275.00
Ground Transportation (194 km Return @ .52/km)	100.88
Per Diem - 2 days X 60	120.00
	\$ 495.88

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