

LATE DISTRIBUTION FOR COUNCIL - MARCH 3, 2009

A8



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Report Date: February 26, 2009
Contact: Jacquie O'Keeffe
Contact No.: 604.871.6712
RTS No.: 07964
VanRIMS No.: 08-2000-20
Meeting Date: March 3, 2009

TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: City Clerk's Office
SUBJECT: Request to Attend Workshop in Harrison Hot Springs, March 6-7, 2009

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize Councillor Woodsworth 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 \$425.00 to be funded from the Councillors 2009 Travel and Training 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 prior approval from Council. 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 Woodsworth to attend the "**From the Ground up: Using Local Assets to Build Inclusive Sustainable Communities**" Workshop.

BACKGROUND

This two day conference is organized by the Columbia Institute. The purpose of this conference is to give elected City and School Officials an opportunity to meet with 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.

The workshops at the conference will provide education and training to attendees in such areas as Affordable Housing, Building Green, Climate Change, Municipal Underfunding, Plastic Bags, Public Private Partnerships and Sustainable Planning.

Detailed information is available through the Columbia Institute Office.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Item	Estimated Costs
Workshop Registration (includes one night accommodation)	\$ 275.00
Ground Transportation Shuttle to Workshop	30.00
Per Diem - 2 days X 60	120.00
	\$ 425.00

* * * * *