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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Councillor Geoff Meggs' Request for Reimbursement of Costs for Civic Business during Vacation in Italy in June/July, 2009

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorize Councillor Meggs be reimbursed costs for local travel and translator fees for civic business during his vacation in Italy, at a cost of \$ 266.47, 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

During a private visit to Italy, Councillor Meggs took the opportunity to meet city planners in Bologna to see the revitalization of a heritage district through construction of an art gallery, a film centre and affordable housing. He subsequently travelled to Torino to meet with elected officials involved in the 2006 Winter Olympic Games. This claim represents the direct costs of these activities.

BACKGROUND

Councillor Meggs travelled to Italy for a vacation and personal business and made a civic call to City Hall.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

Item	Estimated Costs
Local transportation	\$ 169.63
Translator costs	96.84
	\$ 266.47

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