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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: City Clerk

SUBJECT: Request to Attend FCM Sustainable Communities Conference in Victoria BC, February 8-10, 2011

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorize Councillor Deal to attend the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference in Victoria BC on February 8-10, 2011 at an estimated cost of \$1,602.00 to be funded from the Councillors 2010 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

To increase understanding of best sustainability practices from municipalities across Canada, and to exchange ideas and experiences with fellow elected officials concerned with sustainability practices and policies.

BACKGROUND

As our understanding of sustainability evolves, municipalities and their local partners are leading the way. Municipalities are taking innovative, integrated approaches to reduce environmental impacts, build social cohesion and create economic opportunities in their communities. This conference is an opportunity to share experience and learn from peers.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated costs to be funded from the 2010 Travel Budget are as follows:

Item	Estimated Costs
Conference Registration	\$ 635
Airfare (Vancouver-Victoria, BC - Return)	290
Accommodations (3 nights @ 149/night plus Tax)	447
Per Diem - 3 days X 60.00	180
Ground Transportation	50
	\$ 1,602

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