



## CITY OF VANCOUVER

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: City Clerk

SUBJECT: 2011 Sustainable Communities Conference - February 8-10, 2011  
Victoria, British Columbia

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council give consideration to authorize Councillor Raymond Louie to attend the 2011 Sustainable Communities Conference, February 8-10, 2011, in Victoria, British Columbia, with expenses estimated at \$1,675.40, to be funded from the Councillors' 2011 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 Council approval for Council member reimbursement of expenses incurred while on city business.

#### PURPOSE

As the Council appointed Director to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Chair of the FCM Standing Committee on Municipal Infrastructure and Transportation Policy and Member of the FCM Standing Committee on Environmental Issues and Sustainable Development, the purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for Councillor Louie to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Sustainable Communities Conference and Trade Show being held February 8-10, 2011 in Victoria, British Columbia.

In addition, Councillor Louie will be moderating a conference session while he is in attendance at the FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference.

## BACKGROUND

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Sustainable Communities Conference and Trade Show connects municipal decision-makers to leading examples of sustainable development, training opportunities and resources for greening local communities.

Cities and communities must adapt to ongoing changes in their natural, economic, political, social and cultural environments. A willingness to embrace new behaviours, technology, business models and governance is essential for a municipality to move towards sustainability.

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.

The Sustainable Communities Conference is an opportunity to share our experience and learn from peers.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As a judge on the external review committee for the 2011 FCM Sustainable Community Awards Councillor Louie is entitled to a discounted registration fee of \$389 from the regular \$635 to attend the SCC conference in Victoria (Feb 8-10, 2011), including the awards ceremony and reception.

The estimated costs to be funded from the Councillors' 2011 Travel Budget are as follows:

Item	Estimated Costs
Airfare (approximate)	\$ 490.00
Accommodation 3 nts at \$149.00 plus taxes	\$ 566.40
Misc costs	\$ 50.00
Registration *	\$ 389.00
Per Diem 3 days @ \$60.00	\$ 180.00
<b>Total Estimated Costs</b>	<b>\$ 1,675.40</b>

\* Funded from Councillors' 2010 Travel Budget

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