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## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council  
FROM: City Clerk  
SUBJECT: 2011 Sustainable Communities Conference: February 8-10 2011,  
Victoria, BC

### *RECOMMENDATION*

THAT Council give consideration to authorize Councillor Andrea Reimer to attend the 2011 Sustainable Communities Conference - February 8 - 10 2011, Victoria, BC with expenses estimated at \$377.60 on behalf of Mayor Robertson who was invited to address the conference with source of funding 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*

Mayor Robertson was invited by Metro Vancouver to present on a panel of Mayors at the FCM Sustainable Communities conference, the goal of which is to show the linkages between regional goals on sustainability and municipal actions that relate to these goals. A scheduling conflict prevents Mayor Robertson from presenting on the Metro panel. As the council liaison to both the City's Greenest City Action Team and a member of Metro Vancouver's Regional Planning Committee, Councillor Reimer was asked to present on his behalf. Metro Vancouver will cover the costs of ground transportation and conference registration. This report requests funding approval for accommodation.

### ***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**

The estimated costs to be funded from the 2011 Travel budget is as follows:

Item	Estimated Costs
Transportation - covered by Metro	\$ 0
Accommodation (2 nights at \$149.00 plus taxes)	\$ 377.60
Registration - covered by Metro	\$ 0
Per diem - covered by Metro	\$ 0
Total estimated costs	\$ 377.60

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