



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: City Clerk
SUBJECT: FCM Sustainable Communities Conference - February 2014 -
Councillor Louie

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council give consideration to authorize Councillor Raymond Louie to attend the 2014 FCM Sustainable Communities Conference from February 11-13, 2014, to be held in Charlottetown, PEI, with expenses estimated at \$707.00, to be funded from the 2014 Councillors Travel Budget.

REPORT SUMMARY

This report seeks Council's approval for Councillor Louie to attend the 2014 FCM Sustainable Communities Conference from February 11-13, 2014, to be held in Charlottetown, PEI. Councillor Louie is the Council-appointed Director to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the 2nd Vice-President of the FCM, Chair of the FCM Green Municipal Fund Council and ex-officio member of the FCM Standing Committee on Environmental Issues and Sustainable Development.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

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.

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager submits this report for Council's consideration.

REPORT

Background/Context

This year's conference theme is "*Sink or Swim: New Approaches to Adaptation and Resilience*". This year's SCC will deliver a packed, three-day learning experience, complete with a full day of advanced training, study tours and networking opportunities. Plus, it will have all new content organized under three main streams:

- Building resilient, adaptive communities
- Optimizing our assets and infrastructure
- Collaboration and innovation

After devastating flooding, fires and other extreme weather events, participants will share information on how Canadian communities from coast to coast intend on becoming more resilient and sustainable.

This year's conference is again being held in conjunction with the FCM's Green Municipal Fund Council (GMF) meeting also held in Charlottetown, PEI, and the GMF will be covering the airfare costs, ground transportation and one night hotel stay.

In addition, as Councillor Louie is scheduled to open and host the "**Alternative Financing Session**", he will receive a reduction from \$715 to \$435 of the conference fee.

Strategic Analysis

Hundreds of communities across Canada are leading the charge toward local sustainability and the shift to a green economy. Every year, they come together to share their experiences, learn from experts and discuss the latest strategies for sustainable development at the FCM on topics such as:

- Gain insight into the latest trends on sustainable development;
- Discover best practices for making communities more socially, ecologically and economically vibrant;
- Network with other municipalities and sustainability experts from across Canada; and
- See leading-edge green products and services in the Trade Show.

*Implications/Related Issues/Risk (if applicable)**Financial*

The estimated costs to be funded from the 2014 Councillors Travel Budget are as set out below:

| Item | Estimated Costs |
|---|------------------|
| Airfare - return - covered by GMF | \$ 0.00 |
| Accommodation - 3 nights @ \$111.00 | \$333.00 |
| Accommodation - less 1 night covered by GMF | (\$111.00) |
| Registration -\$435.00 (discounted for session host role) | \$435.00 |
| Ground Transportation - covered by GMF | \$ 0.00 |
| Per Diem - 2 days less meals provided by conference | \$ 50.00 |
| Total Estimated Costs | \$ 707.00 |

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