



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Deputy City Clerk
SUBJECT: FCM Sustainable Communities Conference - February 10-12, 2015 -
London, ON - Councillor Reimer

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council give consideration to authorize Councillor Andrea Reimer to attend the 2015 FCM Sustainable Communities Conference from February 10-12, 2015, to be held in London, ON with expenses estimated at \$2,521.00 to be funded from the 2015 Councillors Travel Budget.

REPORT SUMMARY

The Deputy Mayor, under the City's Mayor and Council Members' Expense bylaw No. 8904, requests to represent the City of Vancouver at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2015 FCM Sustainable Communities Conference (FCM-SCC). The FCM-SCC brings together municipal leaders from across the country to share experiences and learn from peers on innovative, integrated approaches to reduce environmental impacts, build social cohesion and create economic opportunities that municipalities are undertaking across the country.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The City's Mayor and Council Members' Expense bylaw 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

The FCM-SCC brings together municipal leaders from across the country to share experiences and learn from peers on innovative, integrated approaches to reduce environmental impacts, build social cohesion and create economic opportunities that municipalities are undertaking across the country. In its 11th year, the FCM-SCC has proven to be an important opportunity for Vancouver to highlight our national leadership position, support other municipalities in initiating or deepening environmental policy which in turn supports broader advocacy efforts and exposes us to new approaches in both policy and engagement.

This year's conference is particularly useful as we prepare to update the Greenest City Action Plan with the next priority actions.

Strategic Analysis

Vancouver is viewed as a national leader on sustainability through the award-winning Greenest City action initiative and as such is important that the City is represented by the lead Councillor on Greenest City initiatives at the only annual national conference on municipal sustainability issues. The FCM-SCC also provides an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas and develop new relationships that are beneficial to the City of Vancouver's Greenest City initiatives, one of four Council-identified priorities.

Implications/Related Issues/Risk (if applicable)

Financial

The estimated costs to be funded from the Councillor's 2015 Travel Budget are as follows:

Item	Estimated Costs
Airfare - return - Vancouver to London	\$1,350.00
Transportation (\$30 each way)	\$ 60.00
Accommodations - 3 nights @ \$132.00	\$ 396.00
Registration	\$ 743.00
Total Estimated Costs	\$2,549.00

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