



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Deputy City Clerk
SUBJECT: Canada's Drug Futures Forum - Travel Approval Request - April 2017

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorize Councillor Kerry Jang to attend *Canada's Drug Futures Forum* from April 4-5, 2017, to be held in Ottawa, ON, with expenses estimated at \$1,825.00 to be funded from the 2017 Councillors Travel Budget.

REPORT SUMMARY

Under the City's Mayor and Councillor Expenses Bylaw No. 11529, this report requests that City Councillor Kerry Jang represent the City of Vancouver at *Canada's Drug Futures Forum*.

The forum is organized by several Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation scholars, and has invited academics, government officials, and community stakeholders to attend and participate in discussing the future of Canada's domestic and international drug policies.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The Mayor and Councillors Expenses Bylaw No. 11529 requires Council approval for Council members' reimbursement of expenses incurred while on City business.

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

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

REPORT**Background/Context**

Canada's Drug Futures Forum is a special two day event and it will include more than 120 researchers, policy-makers, public health officials, law enforcement professionals, drug users and community organizers to examine the future of Canada's domestic and international drug policies. The Conference Committee consists of scholars from the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation, which is one of the major sponsors of the forum. The leading voices across the country will get together to discuss new approaches to managing illicit drug use in Canada.

Strategic Analysis

With the changes in cannabis regulation and the epidemic of opioid overdose related deaths, there is a dire need to examine new approaches in handling drug use across Canada.

The forum is designed to map out an agenda for the next decade of drug policy reform in Canada. The attendees will examine potential policy directions in close detail with a goal of reaching a consensus on the path ahead. They will participate in four discussion streams concerning:

- International control and management
- Decriminalization, regulation and harm reduction
- Integrating policing and public hearing
- Strategies for health and social equity

Following the forum, the organizing team will release a summary report to the federal government and respective agencies.

Financial

The estimated costs to be funded from the Councillors' 2017 Travel Budget are as follows:

Item	Estimated Costs
Registration	\$130.00
Airfare: Vancouver - Ottawa return	\$1,115.00
Ground transportation	\$100.00
Accommodation 2 nights at \$179.00 per night	\$360.00
Per Diem: \$60 per day	\$120.00
Total Estimated Costs	\$1,825.00

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