



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Deputy City Clerk
SUBJECT: Travel Approval Request – 2019 World Congress on Climate Change –
September 23-28, 2019 Berlin, Germany

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorize Councillor Adriane Carr to attend the 2019 World Congress on Climate Change meetings on September 23-28, 2019, in Berlin, Germany with expenses estimated at \$940.00 to be funded from the 2019 Councillors' Travel Budget.

REPORT SUMMARY

Metro Vancouver is funding the attendance of the Board Member and Chair of Metro Vancouver's Climate Action Committee, Adriane Carr, for the 2019 World Congress on Climate Change in Berlin, Germany.

Councillor Adriane Carr is requesting additional funding under the City's Mayor and Councillor Expenses By-Law No. 11529 to represent the City of Vancouver at the 2019 World Congress on Climate Change.

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

The 2nd World Congress on Climate Change taking place September 23-28, 2019, in Berlin, Germany, provides climate change experts, professionals, academics, researchers along with elected officials world-wide the opportunity to share their latest research, innovative ideas, practical experiences and best practices regarding climate science, mitigation and adaptation.

Metro Vancouver is funding the attendance of the Board Member and Chair of Metro Vancouver's Climate Action Committee, Adriane Carr, at this Congress. Councillor Adriane Carr is requesting additional funding of \$940.00 from the Councillors' Travel budget to enable her to represent the City at the Congress and meet with representatives of the City of Berlin and other experts during the three days prior to the Congress, September 23 to 25, 2019. The City of Berlin has a history of global leadership in green infrastructure and sustainability.

Strategic Analysis

The City of Vancouver has recognized the need for accelerated action in responses to the climate crisis. The upcoming city-wide plan, Renewable City Strategy, work on resilience and work on a follow-up plan to the City's Greenest City Action Plan 2010-2020 all need to be informed by the most up-to-date science and most effective on-the-ground practices—information that will be available both at the Congress and through pre-Congress meetings in Berlin.

Implications/Related Issues/Risk

Financial

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

Item	Estimated Costs
Airfare: Funded by Metro Vancouver	\$0.00
Ground Transportation	\$100.00
Accommodation: 3 nights at \$220.00 per night	\$660.00
Per Diem: \$60 per day x 3 days	\$180.00
Total Estimated Costs	\$940.00

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