



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: City Clerk
SUBJECT: 2019 UBCM Conference – Sponsorship of Delegate Workshops

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve funding in the amount of \$17,500 to host City staff-led delegate workshops at the UBCM Annual Convention being held at the Vancouver Convention Centre from September 23 – 27, 2019.

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of \$17,500 of funding to host City-facilitated delegate workshops during the 2019 UBCM Conference.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

In previous years, City Council has approved City of Vancouver sponsorship funding to the UBCM for hosting the Welcome Reception.

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

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

REPORT

Background/Context

The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) is an association that represents the interests of every municipality and regional district in the province. Through the Executive, which is composed of elected officials from communities throughout the province, it works with the provincial level of government in an effort to improve upon current legislation, regulations and funding arrangements. Each year the UBCM holds a

conference which is attended by elected officials and senior staff throughout the province. The purpose of the conference is to review and endorse various resolutions put forward by the municipalities and to provide numerous educational sessions/seminars on subjects of interest to local government elected officials. Every second year the conference is held in Vancouver. In alternate years, the conference is held in various municipalities throughout the Province. Since 2005, UBCM has requested \$17,500 in sponsorship funding from the City of Vancouver. In past years that funding went towards the hosting of the UBCM welcome reception.

Strategic Analysis

In 2019, the UBCM Annual Conference will be held at the Vancouver Convention Centre. Earlier this year staff approached UBCM to propose that the City funding be used for programming rather than funding the welcome reception. UBCM have indicated that they would like City staff to conduct two workshops for the conference delegates. The workshops will be on sustainability/climate change and housing and be three hours in length.

UBCM is now requesting a contribution of \$17,500 from the City of Vancouver towards 2019 Convention. The funding will be used to help offset the cost of the rental space and workshops.

As was the case in past years, the City will:

- Welcome and address the delegate attendees;
- Be recognized as a host partner;
- Obtain free registration for two delegates; and
- Receive two tickets for the welcome reception, luncheon, and banquet.

Implications/Related Issues/Risk

Financial

\$17,500 of funding is required to host City-facilitated delegate workshops during the 2019 UBCM Conference. This request would be funded from the 2019 City Operating budget.

CONCLUSION

The UBCM has requested \$17,500 in sponsorship funding. Staff are proposing that Council approve the funding.

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