



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Deputy City Clerk
SUBJECT: Travel Approval Request – Livable Cities Forum: Building Better Communities through Resilience – October 28, 2019

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorize Councillor Michael Wiebe to attend the Livable Cities Forum: Building Better Communities through Resilience on October 28, 2019 in Victoria, BC with expenses estimated at \$600.00 to be funded from the Councillors' Travel Budget.

REPORT SUMMARY

Councillor Michael Wiebe requests funding under the City's Mayor and Councillor Expenses By-Law No. 11529 to represent the City of Vancouver at the Livable Cities Forum: Building Better Communities through Resilience.

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 eighth annual Livable Cities Forum: Building Better Communities through Resilience is being hosted by the City of Victoria in partnership with ICLEI Canada (Local Governments for Sustainability), SHIFT Collaborative and ACT (the Adaptation to Climate Change Team), SFU. The Forum is widely known for its high-caliber interactive sessions and diverse speakers on climate change action. As part of the conference, the City of Victoria and ICLEI Canada will be co-hosting a dialogue on October 28, 2019 for elected officials, under the theme of “Using Political Leadership to Build Community Resilience for Climate Change.” This day-long, interactive session will focus on building social resilience, belonging and inclusion as a key climate adaptation strategy. The day of dialogue and networking will result in a collective Call to Action for cities to advance these issues and to call for support for local action from other orders of governments.

Strategic Analysis

The City of Vancouver is making efforts to both mitigate and adapt to climate change through the Renewable City Strategy and the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. The dialogue in Victoria on October 28th will focus on how to use political leadership to build better communities and strengthen resilience. Elected officials are often the public face of a community’s response to a disaster or extreme weather event and the community looks to them for guidance, reassurance and a calm voice of reason. Building community resilience will help to empower the community to pull together in the face of climate change and related events. The expertise of ICLEI Canada, who is co-hosting the dialogue, is particularly relevant since in 2011 the City joined an ICLEI pilot project, which led to Vancouver’s Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.

Implications/Related Issues/Risk

Financial

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

Item	Estimated Costs
Airfare: Vancouver to Victoria	\$350.00
Airfare: Victoria to Vancouver	\$190.00
Per Diem: \$60 per day x 1 day	\$60.00
Total Estimated Costs	\$600.00

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