



COUNCIL REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Acting Deputy City Clerk
SUBJECT: Travel Approval Request – 2024 Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) Conference and AGM

Recommendations

THAT Council authorize Councillors Bligh, Carr, Dominato, Fry, Kirby-Yung, Klassen and Meiszner to attend the LMLGA Conference and AGM from May 1-3, 2024 in Whistler, BC at a total estimated cost of \$12,138.00 to be funded from the Councillors' 2024 travel and training expense budget.

Purpose and Executive Summary

Under the City's Mayor and Councillor Expenses Bylaw No. 11529, Council members who want to have their travel expenses paid by the City must seek and obtain the prior approval of Council. Councillors Bligh, Carr, Dominato, Fry, Kirby-Yung, Klassen and Meiszner have requested to represent the City of Vancouver at the 2024 LMLGA AGM and Conference from May 1-3, 2024 at Whistler, BC, and accordingly seek Council approval for their travel expenses.

Council Authority/Previous Decisions

The Mayor and Councillor Expenses Bylaw No. 11529 requires Council approval for Council members' reimbursement of travel expenses incurred while carrying out eligible activities outside of the Greater Vancouver Regional District.

City Manager’s Comments

The City Manager concurs with the foregoing recommendations.

Context and Background

The LMLGA is one of the five area associations of the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM). It includes 33 local governments (from Pemberton to Hope) and three regional districts: Squamish Lillooet Regional District, Metro Vancouver and Fraser Valley Regional District.

The LMLGA is a non-profit organization whose purposes are:

- To enhance and provide the format to improve and refine the quality and level of services provided by Local Government to its citizens;
- To promote the welfare and the well-being of taxpayers and residents of the members of the Association;
- To promote and support to a satisfactory resolve, the concerns of members that are in keeping with the overall objectives of the Association; and
- To promote and advance to UBCM on behalf of the membership, proposed changes in legislation, regulations or Government policies.

Discussion

The LMLGA AGM and Conference is an annual event for elected officials from Lower Mainland local governments, which provides a venue to debate issues and move resolutions forward to UBCM. The AGM is also a unique opportunity to network and explore ideas and initiatives that are relevant and specific to the communities of the Lower Mainland.

Financial Implications

The Councillors’ 2024 travel and training budget of \$85,000 covers travel by Councillors to Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Union of BC Municipalities and LMLGA. The estimated costs of the 2024 LMLGA to be funded from the Councillors’ 2024 travel and training budget are as follows:

| Item | Estimated Costs |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Registration | |
| Accommodation: 2 nights at \$150 | \$675.00 |
| Per Diem: 2.5 days @ \$60.00 day (less meals provided) | \$800.00 |
| Ground Transportation: mileage 0.68/km x 248.4 kms | \$90.00 |
| (return) | \$169.00 |
| Total estimated costs per person | \$1,734.00 |
| Total estimated costs for nine Council members | \$12,138.00 |

Legal Implications

There are no legal implications.

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