



COUNCIL REPORT

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TO: Standing Committee on City Finance and Services
FROM: City Clerk
SUBJECT: 2024 UBCM Conference – Sponsorship of Programming

Recommendations

THAT Council approve funding in the amount of \$17,500 to support programming at the UBCM Annual Convention that was held at the Vancouver Convention Centre from September 16-20, 2024.

Purpose and Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of \$17,500 to support the 2024 UBCM Conference including facility costs and programming as Host City.

Council Authority/Previous Decisions

Council approved City of Vancouver sponsorship funding to the UBCM to support programming in 2019 and 2023.

City Manager's Comments

The City Manager concurs with the foregoing recommendations.

Context and Background

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 on subjects of interest to local government elected officials.

The UBCM Annual Conference is typically held in Vancouver every second year. Due to COVID 19, the Conference was held in Vancouver in 2019 and then again in 2023 and in 2024. Next year, the conference will resume its normal schedule and will alternate between Vancouver and other municipalities across the Province.

Since 2005, UBCM has requested \$17,500 in sponsorship from the City of Vancouver towards the welcome reception and programming. The request for this sponsorship in 2024 is happening post-conference because the request letter from UBCM was received after the conference took place. This was an administrative error and staff are recommending Council approval for this funding to be paid to UBCM as soon as possible.

Discussion

In 2024, the UBCM Annual Conference was held at the Vancouver Convention Centre. UBCM requested the City to support funding for programming and facility costs similar to 2019 and 2023. Due to an administrative error, the request letter was received after the Conference. Staff recommend Council's approval to provide UBCM with \$17,500 retroactively.

Financial Implications

The request of \$17,500 would be funded from the existing 2024 general operating fund set aside for intergovernmental expenses and subscriptions to support the programming and facility cost at the 2024 UBCM Conference.

Legal Implications

There are no legal implications associated with this report's recommendations.

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