



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Deputy City Clerk
SUBJECT: 2017 Creative City Summit - Travel Approval Request - October 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize Councillor Elizabeth Ball to attend *2017 Creative City Summit* from October 18-20, 2017, to be held in Halifax, NS, with expenses estimated at \$3280.00 to be funded from the 2017 Councillors' Travel Budget.

REPORT SUMMARY

Under the City's Mayor and Councillor Expenses By-law No. 11529, this report requests that City Councillor Elizabeth Ball represent the City of Vancouver at 2017 Creative City Summit.

Organized by the Creative City Network of Canada (CCNC) the annual Creative City Summit brings together representatives from municipalities, arts organizations, provincial and federal government agencies to share and exchange ideas to build vital infrastructure for arts and cultural development in Canada.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The Mayor and Councillors Expenses By-law 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

Creative City Network of Canada (CCNC) is a national non-profit organization that operates as a knowledge sharing, research, public education, and professional development resource in the field of local cultural policy, planning and practice.

The first (CCNC) annual meeting was held in Vancouver in November, 2002. Since then, the CCNC has organized highly successful annual meetings where representatives from municipalities, arts organizations, provincial and federal government agencies and others can meet to share ideas, connect, and work together to build and support cultural development in their communities. These meetings are 3 days and include study tours of the host municipality.

Strategic Analysis

With arts and culture being of such importance to our city's livability, Vancouver's vision is to develop, enliven, enhance, and promote arts, culture, and cultural diversity in our city in ways that benefit our citizens, creative community, businesses, and visitors.

Halifax 2017 marks the 15th anniversary of the CCNC and for the first time the Summit is hosting three full days of programming, which includes study tours of the host municipality. Every year, the summit brings together arts organization and government agencies across Canada and it is designed to be more intimate and interactive to provide practitioners with a platform to exchange ideas and learn from their peers.

Expanding on the traditional half-day program of the public art pre-conference, the 2017 planning committee has developed a full day conversation on public art and civic events by providing roundtable discussions around diverse issues and approaches to topics relevant to public art in our communities.

The summit will include presentations and panel discussions which will focus on the different perspectives of public art and civic events programming, perspectives from federal, provincial and municipal funders, Justice Art & Youth in Action and Cultural leadership in the Contemporary Context.

*Implications/Related Issues/Risk**Financial*

The estimated costs to be funded from the Councillors' 2017 Travel Budget are as follows:

Item	Estimated Costs
Registration	\$730.00
Airfare: Vancouver - Halifax return	\$1,160.00
Ground transportation	\$150.00
Accommodation 4 nights at \$235 per night	\$940.00
Per Diem: \$60 per day	\$300.00
Total Estimated Costs	\$3,280.00

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