



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: **Out of Province Conference, 2019 PWX**

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From: Rick Bomhof, P. Eng.
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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment and Manager, Engineering Operations be approved to attend the Public Works Conference and Exhibition (PWX) in Seattle, Washington, from Sept 8 to Sept 11, 2019.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for staff to attend an out of province conference.

POLICY:

Section 5.2 of the City's Travel and Expense Policy GE-10 states that:

"Council must approve attendance of an Organization Member at an Event outside of the Province of British Columbia."

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

The Public Works Conference and Exhibition is being held in Seattle Washington. The plenary sessions, workshops and speakers programmed at the conference will allow the Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment and Manager, Engineering Operations to learn about the latest developments in public works administration, leadership skills, technical innovations and emerging technologies, leadership, communications, workplace development, management techniques, sustainability

strategies and successes. The supplier exhibition area is world class with almost 300 exhibitors which provides an excellent opportunity to meet with existing suppliers and see the latest equipment and technologies available.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The estimated cost for the Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment and Manager, Engineering Operations to attend the conferences is approximately \$3,000.00 each. There is sufficient funding in the operating budget for this purpose.

ALTERNATIVES:

That the out of province request to attend the 2019 Public Works Conference be denied.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rick Bomhof, P. Eng.
Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment

Attachment - 2019 PWX Summary

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



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Chief Administrative Officer