



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: Out of Province Conference Request – Councillor Martin

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From: Gayle Martin
Council Member

Date: January 22, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Councillor Gayle Martin be authorized to attend the International Making Cities Livable Conference in Carmel, Indiana from June 2 to 6, 2020.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the report is to seek Council approval for Councillor Martin to attend an out-of-province conference.

POLICY:

Section 5.2 of the City's Travel and Expense Policy GE-10 requires an Organization Member to receive Council approval to attend events outside of the Province of British Columbia.

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

The 57th International Making Cities Livable Conference will be held in Carmel, Indiana from June 2 to 6, 2020. The theme for this year's conference is "From Sprawl to Neighbourhood: Livable Cities (and Suburbs) for ALL."

Carmel, Indiana is an impressive and instructive USA case study of trans-formation from a sprawling bedroom suburb to a walkable, diverse, thriving and livable town. Using Carmel as one concrete example, we'll ask, what are the effective new tools and strategies to bring positive change to suburban areas? What are the barriers

Carmel and other similar success stories faced, and how did they overcome them? Or if they didn't, what can we learn from those lessons too?

The conference will examine other related challenges for cities and towns today, including the crisis of affordable housing, the need for climate resilience and adaptation, promoting neighborhood health, achieving urban equity, promoting active mobility, age-friendly cities, neighborhoods for children, and much more.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The total cost to attend the conference including registration, transportation, accommodation and per diem is approximately \$2,000 and is provided for within the Council Travel Account.

ALTERNATIVES:

To deny the request to attend the International Making Cities Livable 2020 Conference in Carmel, Indiana.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gayle Martin, Councillor

Attachment:

1. Conference Materials: International Making Cities Livable 2020 Conference