



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: Out of Province Conference – 2020 GFOA
International

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From: Darrin Leite, CPA, CA
Director of Corporate Services

Date: March 2, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Deputy Director of Corporate Services be approved to attend the 2020 Government Finance Officers Association International conference in New Orleans, USA from May 16 to 20, 2020.

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 114th Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) international conference is being held in New Orleans, Louisiana May 16-20, 2020. With over 5,000 attendees, the conference offers over 250 speakers, communicating the latest trends, alerts, best practices and strategies for government finance officers. Sessions will highlight critical issues and challenges facing local governments including cyber

security, infrastructure and asset management, capital planning, risk management and more.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

As a first-time attendee, the Deputy Director of Corporate Services is eligible for a scholarship to cover the \$465 conference fees. The remaining estimated cost for travel and accommodations is approximately \$2,000 and is provided for within the Corporate Services Department's annual training budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

THAT the request to attend the 2020 Government Finance Officers Association 114th annual international conference be denied.

Respectfully Submitted,



Darrin Leite, CPA, CA
Director of Corporate Services

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



Francis Cheung, P. Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer