



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor Schaffer and Councillors**

Subject **Out of Province Conference Request**

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From: Gerald Minchuk, MCIP, RPP
Director of Development Services & Economic
Development

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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Director of Development Services & Economic Development, be authorized to attend the 54th International Making Cities Livable Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico from October 2-6, 2017; and

THAT all expenses be paid from the Development Services & Economic Development Continuing Education/Travel account.

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To seek approval to attend an out-of-province conference.

POLICY:

The City's Travel & Expense Policy GE-10 requires City employees to receive Council approval to attend any conferences that are outside the Province of British Columbia.



COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

The 54th International Making Cities Livable Conference will be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico from October 2 to October 6, 2017. This year's Conference theme is ``*Designing Public Places for Community, Democratic Dialogue, Health & Equity*``. The City of Langley's McBurney Plaza submission was selected as one of the project finalists for an IMCL Urban Design Award, that will be awarded to the successful urban design project at this year's ICML Conference Award ceremony.

“The International Making Cities Livable Conference focus is on the importance of making cities livable for children first, the need for public transit, bicycle lanes, traffic calmed streets, for human scale architecture and mixed use urban fabric, for reviving the city centre and creating public places where people could gather for farmers markets, festivals, outdoor cafes and community social life.”

The ICML Conference bring together city officials, practitioners, scholars, in architecture, urban design and planning from around the world to share experiences and ideas. The Conference Program and exceptional speakers provide a comprehensive theme relevant to the City of Langley.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The estimated cost to attend this continuing education opportunity is \$2500, which is within the current Development Services & Economic Development Department Continuing Education/Travel account.

ALTERNATIVES:

Deny the request to attend the 54th International Making Cities Livable Conference by the Director of Development Services & Economic Development.



Respectfully Submitted:



Gerald Minchuk, MCIP
Director of Development Services & Economic Development

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



Francis Cheung, P. Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer

