



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject **Out of Province Conference Request –
Councillor Martin**

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From: Gayle Martin
Council Member

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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Councillor Gayle Martin be authorized to attend the Making Cities Livable Conference in Portland, Oregon from June 17 to 21, 2019.

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 56th International Making Cities Livable Conference will be held in Portland, Oregon from June 17 to 21, 2019. The theme for this year's conference is "A Healthy City for ALL." The City of Portland has been introducing strategies to make its neighborhoods healthier places to live and to continue to produce housing units and to compassionately address homelessness.

These challenges must be resolved through bold measures if cities are to slow ever-increasing health inequities that accompany growing economic inequities. The City of Portland will be sharing its efforts to address these issues and other cities presenting at this conference will also be showcasing their achievements.

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 Making Cities Livable Conference in Portland, Oregon.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gayle Martin, Councillor

Attachment:

1. List of Speakers – Making Cities Livable Conference