

# REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and Councillors

Subject: Out of Province Conference Request – Planner File #: 6410.00

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From: Roy M. Beddow, RPP, MCIP

Deputy Director of Development Services

Date: April 19, 2024

#### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Anton Metalnikov, Planner, be authorized to attend the Canadian Institute of Planners national conference in Edmonton, Alberta from July 9-11, 2024.

## **PURPOSE:**

To seek approval for staff to attend an out of province conference.

#### **POLICY:**

The City's Travel and Expense Policy GE-10 requires City employees to receive Council approval to attend events outside of the Province of British Columbia.

#### **COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:**

The Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) annual conference will be held in Edmonton from July 9 to 11, 2024. The conference hosts a wide variety of workshops, lectures, and tours on topics related to housing, sustainability, urban design, and more. These sessions explore the latest practices in planning and allow staff to learn from a diversity of precedents and experiences from across Canada. With the City of Edmonton having eliminated parking requirements city-wide and permitted multiple dwelling units on all residential lots in recent years, the educational opportunities at this conference are particularly timely given their alignment with recent BC legislation.



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### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

The total cost to attend the conference including registration, transportation, accommodation, and per diem is approximately \$2,500.00 and is provided for within the Development Services Department's budget.

# **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Deny the request to attend the 2024 Canadian Institute of Planners conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Beddow, RPP, MCIP

Deputy Director of Development Services

Concurrence:

Carl Johannsen, RPP, MCIP Director of Development Services

Attachment:

1. "Connection" – 2024 CIP conference webpage

# **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:**

I support the recommendation.

Francis Cheung, P. Eng.

Chief Administrative Officer

