

To: CAO for the Regional and Corporate Services Committee

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From: Jaime Reilly, Manager of Corporate Administration

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Subject: FCM Annual Conference: Quebec City, May 30 to June 2, 2019

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize the Board Chair and Board Vice Chair to attend the FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show to be held in Quebec City from May 30 to June 2, 2019;

AND THAT registration fees, accommodation and travel costs be approved from Budget 101.

BACKGROUND

In 2018, the FCM Conference was held in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

DISCUSSION

The year's FCM Conference is held at the Quebec City Convention Centre. The conference consists of four days of plenaries, workshops, industry-led seminars and networking opportunities.

The Agenda for this year's conference has not yet been released. However, a copy of the most up to date program is attached for the Board's reference. As this conference takes place in Quebec City and requires travel arrangements to be made well in advance, staff is bringing this forward for the Board for consideration.

Approval is also being sought from the Board for the attendance of Electoral Area Directors at the FCM Conference.

COST

The conference registration fees and conference hotel rates have not yet been announced, and registration is scheduled to open in mid-January. However, the registration fees in 2018 were approximately \$900, plus taxes, and the average cost of a hotel room was \$250, plus tax, per night, per person.

As of the date of this memo, the cost for an average round trip flight between Vancouver and Quebec City is approximately \$1,000 plus taxes, per person.

CONCLUSION

The FCM Annual Conference will be held in Quebec City between May 30 and June 2, 2019. As travel arrangements will be required to be made well in advance, staff are bringing forward this memo for the Board's consideration at this early date.

COMMENTS BY:

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed and supported. Funding for the Board Chair and Board Vice Chair to attend FCM is included in Budget 101 Regional Administration.

Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and supported.