

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: LMLGA AGM and Annual Conference: Harrison Hot Springs – May 8 to 10, 2019

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize the Board Chair, Board Vice Chair and Chief Administrative Officer to attend the 2019 Lower Mainland Local Government Association AGM and Conference to be held in Harrison Hot Springs, BC between May 8 and 10, 2019;

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

BACKGROUND

In 2018, the LMLGA AGM and Conference was held in Whistler, BC.

DISCUSSION

The Agenda for this conference is not yet available; however, attached is a preliminary program. This conference includes a tradeshow, workshops, seminars, keynote speakers as well as the annual AGM and resolution session.

As this conference is historically well attended, staff is bringing this forward for discussion prior to registration opening in February 2019.

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

COST

Early bird registration fees (prior to March 31, 2019) are \$440, plus taxes. Registration fees increase to a cost of \$520 after April 1, 2019. The cost of the hotel room is \$149 plus taxes, per night, per person. As the conference is held in Harrison Hot Springs, the only travel costs will be mileage.

CONCLUSION

As the Lower Mainland Local Government Association AGM and Conference is held locally and usually well attended, staff are bringing forward this for the Board's consideration so that registration and hotel accommodations can be arranged as soon as possible.

COMMENTS BY:

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

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

Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and supported.