

July 10, 2019

To: Members
Executive Committee

Re: City of Regina – Host Municipality for the Canadian Capital Cities Organization (CCCO)
Annual Conference – September 15 to 17, 2019

RECOMMENDATION

1. That up to \$15,000 be allocated from the General Revenue Fund for financial expenses associated with the City of Regina hosting the 2019 Canadian Capital Cities Organization (CCCO) Annual Conference.
2. That this report be forwarded to the July 29, 2019 meeting of City Council for approval.

CONCLUSION

Canada's capital cities play a unique role in Canadian society, with over 10 million people in 14 capitals. The capitals have diverse populations, climates, geographies, histories and cultures, but they share a common responsibility as the seat of government and the symbol of collective identity and citizen aspirations.

Each year, the CCCO hosts an Annual Conference in one of the 14 capital cities across the country. For 2019, the City of Regina accepted the role as host municipality for the Annual Conference occurring September 15 to 17, 2019.

BACKGROUND

Founded in 1995, the CCCO serves as a network for beneficial cooperation. The CCCO includes participants from the federal, provincial, territorial and municipal public sectors, as well as the private sector. These participants are representatives from each capital who want to work together to promote the historic, cultural, economic and symbolic heritage of the capitals of Canada.

Mayors, city councillors, tourism and economic development officers, provincial capital commissions, representatives of Legislative Assemblies and others from national, provincial and municipal public and private sectors all contribute to the organization.

CCCO Mission:

The CCCO is a network for Canada's capital cities and capital commissions to:

- Promote and support the unique and symbolic significance of Canada's capital cities to citizens;
- Exchange experience and information and share learning and best practices to support

and improve outreach and other “citizenship programs”, activities and initiatives in the capitals; and,

- Build links, relationships and collaboration across capital cities.

Citizenship programs are those that connect, celebrate, educate and inform citizens around our shared history and heritage, culture and identity, democratic tradition and values. They also foster collective pride and facilitate the achievement of citizen aspirations.

CCCO Vision:

The CCCO will be a relevant and effective forum for members to collaborate and strengthen outreach programs, activities and initiatives across the country.

Our citizens will have a stronger connection to, and pride in our shared:

- history and heritage;
- culture and identity; and,
- democratic tradition and values.

CCCO Mandate:

The CCCO’s mandate is to promote and support the unique and symbolic significance of the capitals to reflect the pride, unity, history, democratic traditions, and aspirations of the people living in the provinces and territories of Canada.

The CCCO’s goal is to further a greater knowledge of Canada’s heritage, culture and political development by supporting opportunities for Canadians to be more fully engaged with all of Canada’s capitals. The CCCO also provides a dedicated forum for the discussion of a wide range of issues that are unique to capital cities. The organization offers an exceptional opportunity for members to benefit from the collective skills and experiences gained by institutions and individuals responsible for the cultural and economic promotion of the country’s capital cities.

In the past, the CCCO has worked collaboratively on various pan-Canadian projects which have served to link and unify the capital cities. A few of these initiatives include:

- Victoria, British Columbia – 30-year new Official Community Plan;
- Edmonton, Alberta – mixed use urban community that will eventually provide homes for up to 30,000 residents and 11,000 employees. A district heat and power plant will provide 100 percent renewable energy; and,
- Regina – modernization of the City’s sewage treatment plant.

The Annual Conference provides an opportunity for attendees to learn from colleagues and experts, share ideas and participate in local tours that showcase the capital city that hosts the Conference. Included in the Annual Conference is the CCCO’s Annual General Meeting.

DISCUSSION

The theme of the 2019 Conference is: “Capital Cities Challenges: Trends and Opportunities,” and will feature the following workshops and presentations:

- Capital city policing – interactive presentation and workshop on the unique features and challenges of providing policing in a capital city;
- Capital city infrastructure – new and existing challenges of modern infrastructure development, preservation and maintenance;
- Capital Exchange – presentations from capital cities showing their recent initiatives, best practices and lessons learned; and
- Annual General Meeting.

In addition, although the schedule is in the preliminary planning stage at this point in time, the Conference will include:

- Opportunity to attend a Saskatchewan Roughrider football game on Saturday, September 14th, for those delegates who arrive early;
- Evening Welcome Reception – September 15th;
- Dinner showcasing local, unique cuisine – September 16th;
- Opportunity to showcase the City of Regina Council Chamber for the meeting.

Other possible activities and tours include:

- Legislative Building tour;
- Wascana Centre tour;
- Mosaic Stadium tour;
- Lunch with Lieutenant Governor;
- Tour of Government House;
- RCMP Heritage Museum visit;
- First Nation venue visit.

City Obligations:

- Welcome Reception
- Breakfast/breaks
- Dinner on September 16th
- Transportation between venues
- Tours/activities
- Delegate registration

The costs involved with hosting the Conference are offset by a \$5,000 contribution from CCCO. The Conference expects approximately 40 delegates.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

Based on the cost estimates, the City's costs for hosting the 2019 CCCO Annual Conference could be in the range of up to \$15,000. As planning progresses, a more accurate dollar value will be concluded.

Environmental Implications

No environmental impacts associated with this report. However, the goal will be to deliver a sustainable event. The City will work closely with CCCO to reduce any waste and carbon foot printing generated by the Conference.

Policy and/or Strategic Implications

Attracting the CCCO Conference offers the opportunity to promote local tourism by showcasing the city's many attractions and fits into the vision of the City.

Other Implications

None with respect to this report.

Accessibility Implications

None with respect to this report. However, any potential accessibility implications associated with hosting the event will be adhered to.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communication activities with respect to this report.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The recommendations contained in this report require City Council approval.

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