

TO: MAYOR & COUNCILLORS
FROM: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES
SUBJECT: **2024 HERITAGE BC CONFERENCE**
PURPOSE: To seek approval for members of the Community Heritage Commission to attend the 2024 Annual Heritage Conference in Nelson, BC.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT an expenditure of up to \$5,000 for up to two (2) Community Heritage Commission members to attend the 2024 BC Heritage Conference in Nelson, BC from May 1-3, 2024, be approved.

1.0 POLICY SECTION

This report for funding expenditure approval to support Community Heritage Commission members attendance at the 2024 Annual Heritage Conference aligns with the Corporate Strategic Plan (2022).

2.0 BACKGROUND

The 2024 BC Heritage Conference will feature discussions on the most pressing topics heritage professionals are grappling with including climate change, governance, conservation, planning, intangible cultural heritage, and reconciliation.

Historically, staff and Community Heritage Commission members have taken part in the annual conference to connect, learn and discuss the future of heritage.

Community Heritage Commission members were provided with information on the Annual Heritage Conference and asked to express interest by contacting Legislative Services by March 15, 2024. To date, two (2) members have expressed an interest in taking part in the conference.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

As the Community Heritage Commission meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2024, and registration ends on April 15, 2024, this report is seeking Council approval in advance of the registration date.

4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not applicable

5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Funds are available in the Advisory Body, Boards and Commissions budget to support this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENTS

Not applicable.

REPORT CONTRIBUTORS

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