

**TO:** MAYOR & COUNCILLORS  
**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES  
**SUBJECT:** **2025 HERITAGE BC CONFERENCE**  
**PURPOSE:** To seek approval for members of the Community Heritage Commission to attend the 2025 Annual Heritage Conference in Kamloops, BC.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** an expenditure of up to \$6,000 for up to three (3) Community Heritage Commission members to attend the 2025 Heritage BC Conference in Kamloops, BC from May 22-23, 2025, be approved.

### **1.0 POLICY SECTION**

This report for funding expenditure approval, to support Community Heritage Commission members attendance at the 2025 Annual Heritage Conference, aligns with the Corporate Strategic Plan (2022).

### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

The 2025 Heritage BC Conference will emphasize place, featuring panels, workshops, and site visits throughout Kamloops and on Tkemlúps te Secwépemc land. Departing from the traditional conference setting, sessions will spotlight local projects, community-driven initiatives, and sustainable heritage practices - all rooted in the rich cultural and historical landscape of host communities.

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. To date, three (3) members have expressed an interest in taking part in the conference.

### **3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION**

This report is appearing before Council to authorize an expenditure of up to \$6,000 for up to three (3) Community Heritage Commission members to attend the 2025 Heritage BC Conference.

### **4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Not applicable.

## **5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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## **REPORT CONTRIBUTORS**

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