
REPORT 4
(1215/13/IM)

NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE THURSDAY 5 MAY TO SATURDAY 7 MAY 2011, ROTORUA

1. Purpose of Report

To consider attendance at the New Zealand Community Boards' conference to be held in Rotorua from 5 – 7 May 2011.

2. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree that one member from the Makara/Ohariu Community Board attend the New Zealand Community Boards' conference to be held in Rotorua from 5 May – 7 May 2011. Agree that the costs associated with attending the meeting are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*
3. *Agree to nominate one member of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board to attend the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference.*
4. *Agree that the nominated Board member will present a report back on the conference in accordance with Council policy.*

3. Discussion

The theme of the 2011 Community Boards conference is "Communities on Board – The Changing Face of Community Governance". This will involve a focus on boards' relationships, communications and advocacy with its communities, as well as considering the implications of the establishment of Auckland's 'super city' on communities throughout New Zealand Boards. The conference includes the Best Practice Awards Dinner at the Energy Events Centre. The Best Practice Awards recognise excellence in the implementation of projects in local government. Prizes will be presented to the winners of each the following different categories and the best overall project: Consultation, partnership, heritage, harmonious relations, safety, working with Maori, working with children and youth, and significant project.

There will be a number of keynote speakers from local government, educational institutions and government bodies. Interactive concurrent workshops will be held and include the following:

- “Mobile Communication and Community Engagement”
- ‘Legal Issues Affecting Community Boards”
- “Ageing Population”
- “Empowering Communities During a Civil Defence Emergency”
- “Aspects of Youth”
- “Engaging Local Leadership”
- “Our Communities, our Future – The Alcohol Reform Bill and what it means for Boards”
- “Leading the Way – Communities Taking Action to Reduce Alcohol – related Harm”
- “Effective Relationships between Councils and Boards”
- “Empowering Communities during an emergency”
- “Local Boards: How is it working for us so far?”
- “Empowering new community board members”.

The full programme is attached as appendix one.

3.1 Considerations

When deciding whether members of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board should attend this conference, consideration should be given to:

- the cost; and
- the impact of attendance on the budget.

The total cost of one member of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board is expected to be \$1265 and will be met from the Council conference budget.

The cost of attendance is broken down as follows:

Item	Cost for one person
Registration	\$695 (early bird, before 4 March)
Return Flights	\$270 (return)
Accommodation	\$300 (\$150 per night)
Total	\$1265

The impact on the budget of one member of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board attending this conference is outlined below:

	2008/2009 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees	\$31,500.00	\$10,203.50 ¹	\$21,296.50
Impact of sending two members to the conference	\$1, 265	\$11, 468.50	\$20, 031.50

4. Conclusion

A decision is required on attendance at the New Zealand Community Boards' conference to be held in Rotorua, 5 – 7 May 2011.

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¹ The attendance of one councillor to the 2010 LIANZA conference at a cost of approximately \$2229
The attendance of one councillor to the 2010 Trafanz Conference at a cost of \$1195
The attendance of one councillor to the 2010 Walking Conference at a cost of \$819.40
Incidental costs incurred for four councillors attending the 2010 LGNZ conference, at a cost of \$2981.64
The estimated cost of attendance of two elected members to the Emergency Management Conference \$2978.50

Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

This project supports Outcome 7.2.B – More actively engaged: Wellington will operate an open and honest decision making process that generates confidence and trust in the Democratic system

2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

Relates to C534: Elections, Governance and Democratic Process

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

There are no Treaty of Waitangi implications

4) Decision-Making

This is not a significant decision

5) Consultation

a) General Consultation

Not required

b) Consultation with Maori

Not required

6) Legal Implications

Nil

7) Consistency with existing policy

This report is consistent with existing Wellington City Council policy