
**NEW ZEALAND RECREATION ASSOCIATION
CONFERENCE – THE URBAN JUNGLE, GROWING
AOTEAROA WITH RECREATION, AUCKLAND 15-17
NOVEMBER 2006**

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on and to seek approval for up to two elected members to attend the New Zealand Recreation Association Conference – The Urban Jungle, Growing Aotearoa with Recreation to be held in Auckland, 15 - 17 November 2006.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the attendance of up to two elected members at the New Zealand Recreation Association Conference – “The Urban Jungle, Growing Aotearoa with Recreation” to be held in Auckland, 15-17 November 2006 and that the costs associated with attending the meeting are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*
3. *Note that there is a Capacity Board meeting and Youth Council scheduled on Wednesday 15 November 2006 and a Strategy and Policy Committee meeting and a Makara/Ohariu Community Board meeting scheduled on Thursday 16 November 2006.*
4. *Note that a report back on the meeting will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee in accordance with Council policy.*

3. Discussion

The New Zealand Recreation Association Conference – “The Urban Jungle, Growing Aotearoa with Recreation” will focus on how recreation can help communities grow. The conference will focus on issues such as growth in population, diverse ethnic groups, cultural implications, youth and the variety of sporting opportunities available.

Over the three days of the conference, keynote presentations will be given by:

- Peter Spoonley, Massey University
- J Robert Rossman, Illinois State University
- Graeme Abbot, Hamner Springs Thermal Reserve and Tony McKenna, SFRITO
- Chris Dare, Stratcorp Consulting, Melbourne and Peter Brook, Director of Peddle Thorp, Architects, Melbourne
- Dr Bevan Grant, Sports and Leisure Studies, Waikato University

Keynote presentations will take place at various sport and recreation facilities including Trusts Stadium, North Harbour Stadium, TestraClear Pacific Events Centre and Bucklands Beach Yacht Club.

Breakout sessions cover a range of topics, including:

Open Space Recreation & Leisure Planning: Planning adequate open space within developing and growing cities, using waterfront examples from Wellington and Auckland.

Children & Youth – Youthtown: Providing space for youth with positive techniques for consultation. How to provide motivation and participation in community and outdoor based activities.

Wet Facilities – West Wave Pool: A visit to the West Wave Aquatic Facility with discussion about redevelopment and, to get numbers through the door, business planning and marketing.

Dry Facilities – Trusts Stadium: Finding the balance between free access and commercial programmes.

Asset Management – North Harbour Stadium: What does it really mean?

Children, Sport & Community – North Harbour Stadium & Wainoni Park: Showing how the establishment of parks can bring communities together and cater for a wide range of community members.

Further information is contained in the attached Conference brochure.

It is the intention of management to have officer representation at the conference.

3.1 Considerations

When deciding which elected members should attend this conference, consideration should be given to:

- the cost; and
- the impact of attendance on the budget; and
- the other conferences elected members may wish to attend later in the financial year.

The total cost if two elected members are appointed is expected to be \$2,995.00 and will be met from the conference budget.

The cost of attendance per person is broken down as follows:

Item	Cost
Registration	\$800.00
Accommodation	\$337.50
Return Airfares	\$360.00
Total	\$1497.50

The impact on the budget of two elected members attending this conference is outlined in Table One.

Table One:

	2006/2007 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees, accommodation and travel	\$34,000	\$12,601 ¹	\$21,399
Impact of sending two elected members to the conference	\$2,995	\$15,596	\$18,404

4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether Council should approve the attendance of up to two elected members at the New Zealand Recreation Association Conference – “The Urban Jungle, Growing Aotearoa with Recreation” to be held in Auckland, 15 – 17 November 2006.

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¹ The attendance of 5 Elected Members at the LGNZ Conference at a cost of \$5000.00.
 The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the TRAFINZ Conference at a cost of \$2310.00
 The attendance of 2 Elected Members at the Safer Communities Conference at a cost of \$400
 The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the Digital Earth 06 Conference at a cost of \$1800
 The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the Youth and Local Government Conference in New Plymouth at a cost of \$776
 The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the LIANZA Conference in Wellington at a cost of \$1100
 The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the NZ Walking Conference 2006 in Christchurch at a cost of \$865
 The attendance of up to 2 Elected Members at Climate Change: The Policy Challenges Symposium in Wellington at a cost of \$350

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

APPENDIX ONE