
REPORT 3
(1215/52/IM)

WASTEMINZ 21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE, CHRISTCHURCH, 14 – 16 OCTOBER 2009

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on and to seek approval for one elected member to attend the 'WasteMINZ 21st Annual Conference' to be held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Christchurch on 14-16 October 2009.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the attendance of one Elected Member at the 'WasteMINZ 21st Annual Conference' to be held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Christchurch on 14-16 October 2009, and agree that the costs associated with attending the conference are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*
3. *Agree that should the nominated Councillor be unable to attend, they elect another Councillor to attend in their place.*
4. *Note that there are meetings of the Regulatory Processes Committee and Wastewater Treatment Plant and Landfill Joint Committee scheduled for Wednesday 14 October 2009, meetings of the Strategy and Policy Committee, Temporary Road Closures Subcommittee, and Makara/Ohariu Community Board scheduled for Thursday 15 October 2009, and a Pre-Agenda Meeting scheduled for Friday 16 October 2009.*
5. *Note that a report on the conference will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee in accordance with Council policy.*

3. Discussion

Waste Management Institute New Zealand Incorporated (WasteMINZ) is a not for profit organisation established to promote best practice in waste management and enable the achievement of an environmentally and economically sustainable waste minimisation strategy for New Zealand. WasteMINZ was founded in 1989 and has over 800 members.

The theme for WasteMINZ's 21st Annual Conference is 'Playing Your Part'. This statement was designed to reflect the strategic focus of the conference in the collaboration of ideas, knowledge, and solutions that are necessary to manage the significant change faced by the waste sector. In building the programme the organisers reflected on the policy shifts demanded by the Waste Minimisation Act, as well as the current economic climate and the importance of sharing best practice experiences from New Zealand and international examples.

The conference programme covers a variety of issues including:

- Waste management strategy
- Unlocking a new way forward
- Disposal facilities

In addition to this programme there will be a number of workshops and site visits spread over the duration of the conference on a variety of themes. The costs of the site visits are additional to the costs prescribed in this report.

The conference programme is attached as appendix one.

3.1 Future Conferences

Conferences scheduled for the 2009/10 financial year include:

- New Zealand Cycling Conference – 12-13 November 2009
- New Zealand Recreation Association Conference – 2-4 November 2009
- Charting the Future: New Zealand Water Safety Conference – 27-28 November 2009
- International Planning Conference: Footprints: Planning Pathways to the Future – 20-23 April 2010
- New Zealand Community Boards Conference – (dates to be confirmed)

3.2 Considerations

When deciding whether an elected member 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 for one elected member to attend this Conference is expected to be \$1,733.00 and will be met from the conference budget.

Item	Cost per person
Return Flights	\$318.00
Accommodation	\$370.00
Registration	\$1,045.00
Total	\$1,733.00

The impact on the budget of one Elected Member attending this Conference is outlined below:

	2009/2010 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees	\$39,500.00	\$6,229.50 ¹	\$33,270.50
Impact of sending one elected member to the conference	\$1,733.00	\$7,962.50	\$31,537.50

4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether the Committee should approve the attendance of one Elected Member at the 'WasteMINZ 21st Annual Conference' to be held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Christchurch on 14-16 October 2009.

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¹ The 2009/10 contribution to the LGNZ Conference totalled \$1,576.50
 The attendance of one Councillor at the Traffinz Conference at a cost of approx \$2,000.00
 The attendance of one Councillor at the RMLA Conference at a cost of \$990.00
 The attendance of one Councillor at the LIANZA Conference at a cost of approx \$1,663.00

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.