
REPORT 3
(1215/52/IM)

WASTEMINZ MID YEAR ROUND UP, WELLINGTON, 29-30 APRIL 2009

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on and to seek approval for one elected member to attend the 'WasteMINZ Mid Year Round Up' to be held in Wellington, 29-30 April 2009.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Approve the attendance of one Elected Member at the 'WasteMINZ Mid Year Round Up' to be held in Wellington, 29-30 April 2009 and agree that the costs associated with attending the conference are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*
- 3. Note that there is a Wellington Waterfront Board meeting and a Council meeting on Wednesday 29 April 2009.*
- 4. Note that a report on the conference will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee in accordance with Council policy.*

3. Discussion

WasteMINZ was founded in 1989 as an incorporated society and now has over 800 members. WasteMINZ members encompass central and local government, waste management specialists and other entities that operate in the waste management and minimisation environment.

WasteMINZ aims to strengthen stakeholder relationships and facilitate the sharing of knowledge. WasteMINZ also seeks the implementation and promotion of best practice standards to achieve an environmentally and economically sustainable waste minimisation strategy for New Zealand. WasteMINZ values include:

- To remain neutral and independent.
- To strive to do good and be solution focused.
- To promote effective waste minimisation practices to protect human health and improve the quality of the environment.

WasteMINZ has achieved recognition as being the major independent organisation representing waste management space in New Zealand.

Topics at The Mid Year Round Up will include:

- The Waste Minimisation Act and discussion papers
- Bioreactors – Advanced waste technologies in practice
- You are responsible – aren't you? Health and safety in the waste sector
- Strategic planning and infrastructure
- Down the track: Cars, tyres and oil – a product stewardship model from industry

The full programme is attached as appendix one.

3.1 Future Conferences

There are no conferences that we regularly send Elected Members to scheduled for the remainder of the financial year.

Conferences scheduled for the next financial year include:

- Cycling Conference – 12-13 November 2009
- New Zealand Recreation Association Conference – 2-4 November 2009
- LGNZ Conference – 26-29 July 2009
- RMLA Conference – 1 October 2009

3.2 Considerations

When deciding whether one 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 \$500.00 and will be met from the conference budget.

Item	Cost per person
Registration	\$500.00
Total	\$500.00

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

	2008/2009 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees	\$34,000.00	\$18,610.73	\$15,389.27
Impact of sending one elected member to the conference	\$500.00	\$19,110.73	\$14,889.27

4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether the Committee should approve the attendance of one Elected Member at the 'WasteMINZ Mid Year Round Up' to be held in Wellington on 29-30 April 2009.

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¹ The attendance of 4 Elected Members at the LGNZ Conference at a cost of \$8,103.34
Mayor to attend World Summit at a cost of \$312.94
The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the NZ Walking Conference at a cost of \$1,241.00
The attendance of 2 Elected Members at the TRAFINZ Conference at a cost \$3,770.45
The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the NZRA Conference at a cost of \$678.00
The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the Youth in Local Government Conference at a cost of \$200.00
The attendance of 3 Community Board Members at the Community Board Conference at a cost of \$4305

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