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**REPORT 7**  
*(1215/52/IM)*

## **NEW ZEALAND RECREATION ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, HASTINGS, 1 – 4 NOVEMBER 2009**

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### **1. Purpose of Report**

To provide information on and to seek approval for one elected member to attend the 'New Zealand Recreation Association Conference' to be held at the Hawke's Bay Opera House in Hastings on 1-4 November 2009.

### **2. Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the attendance of one Elected Member at the 'New Zealand Recreation Association Conference' to be held at the Hawke's Bay Opera House in Hastings on 1 – 4 November 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 will nominate another Councillor to attend in their place.*
4. *Note that a Local Government New Zealand zone four meeting is scheduled for Monday, 2 November 2009, a Strategy and Policy Committee Pre-Meeting Session, a Strategy and Policy Agenda meeting, and a Culture Flow Course (stream one) for Councillors are scheduled for Tuesday, 3 November 2009, and Creative Communities, and Culture Flow Course (stream two) are scheduled for Wednesday, 4 November 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**

The New Zealand Recreation Association is a non-profit organisation committed to the needs of people and organisations in all aspects of recreation, leisure, parks, open space management, aquatic, conservation, and sport delivery. It was formed in 1992 and has 950 individual members.

The theme for New Zealand Recreation Association Conference is 'Bridging the Gap'. The conference provides an opportunity for recreation professionals to hear senior executives from outside the sector discuss the gap between recreation and their own sectors. Speakers come from a range of fields and offer their perspectives about how recreation relates and interacts with health, sport, fitness, events, parks, community wellbeing, and extreme adventure. An additional focus on this year's conference is on the changes that are occurring in New Zealand's political landscape – the Auckland Council, the review of the Local Government Act, the Outdoor Recreation Strategy, and their impact on recreation.

The conference programme covers a variety of issues including:

- Recreation Partnerships
- Leisure Education
- Integrated Facility Solutions

In addition to this programme there will be a number of workshops and field trips on a variety of themes, including trips to different recreation and leisure environments present in the Hawke's Bay.

The conference programme is attached as appendix one.

#### **3.1 Future Conferences**

Conferences scheduled for the 2009/10 financial year include:

- 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 \$1,758.00 and will be met from the conference budget.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost per person</b>
Return Flights	\$298.00
Accommodation	\$360.00
Registration	\$1,100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,758.00</b>

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	<b>\$39,500.00</b>	\$5,224.25 <sup>1</sup>	\$34,275.75
Impact of sending <b>one</b> elected member to the conference	\$1,758.00	\$6,784.25	\$32,517.75

#### **4. Conclusion**

A decision is required as to whether the Committee should approve the attendance of one Elected Member at the 'New Zealand Recreation Association Conference' to be held at the Hawke's Bay Opera House in Hastings on 1-4 November 2009.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 \$1,932.75  
The attendance of two Councillors at the RMLA Conference at a cost of \$1,715.00

## 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.*

## **APPENDIX ONE: Conference Programme**