



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REPORT

From: Councillor Ken Armour

Council Meeting: February 3, 2020

Subject: Seeking Council approval to attend *Local Government 2020: Current Issues*, hosted by the Pacific Business and Law Institute in Vancouver on March 11, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve that Councillor Ken Armour attend the Local Government 2020: *Current Issues* Conference hosted by the Pacific Business and Law Institute on March 11, 2020 in Vancouver, BC., including the following costs for registration of \$720 plus GST, (increasing to \$820 plus GST after February 11) and travel costs with Harbour Air of approximately \$382.00.

BACKGROUND:

Township HR staff provided the following written comments regarding this request:

As per the Township's policy on conference attendance by elected officials, Council shall establish a professional development schedule for each member of Council for a two year period, and appropriate funding will be included in the budget. The policy outlines that in addition to funding being available in the budget, for conferences other than noted in the Policy, participating must be authorized in advance by resolution of Council.

[Based on monies spent in 2019 for conference attendance and what he plans to spend in 2020 for conferences], there are no budget issues for him to attend this conference. Because [this event] isn't listed in the Policy, he will need to get authorization through resolution.

The topics to be discussed at the Local Government event include:

- Hot Topics in Planning Law
- Current Challenges for Local Governments
- Climate Change and Municipal Adaption (Don Lidstone)
- Bylaw Enforcement Issues

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Armour