



Corporate Report

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TO: **Mayor &
Council** DATE: **March 20,
2003**

FROM: **City Manager** FILE: **0390-01**

SUBJECT: **Attendance at a Workshop April 22-24, 2003
in Costa Rica**

RECOMMENDATION

Council approve the participation of the City Manager at the "Regional Consultation Forum on Physical Activity & Health" to be held during April 22 – 24, 2003, in Costa Rica.

DISCUSSION

Since the City of Surrey received an award from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) for "Active Cities" contest, PAHO is now inviting Surrey's City Manager or G.M. Parks, Recreation & Culture to participate in a Regional Inter-Governmental Consultation Workshop to be held on April 22-24, 2003 in Costa Rica. PAHO is specifically requesting participation of a municipal government appointed professional to contribute to workshop discussions to promote healthy lifestyles and improvement to the environment through pedestrian walkways, multi-pathways, parks & recreation areas, 'people-friendly' road systems, etc.

One of the objectives of the Consultation Forum is to develop simple, practical and feasible actions which can be carried out at the local level by middle and low income countries of the Americas. PAHO is sponsoring two representatives from each selected country; one health sector professional and the other, a local government professional. This forum includes participation from 11 countries (i.e. Brazil, Bahamas, Canada, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Jamaica, Mexico, Uruguay and the U.S.)

Airfare and accommodation expenses are covered by the Pan American Health Organization.

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