



Corporate Report

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TO: Mayor & Council DATE: May 9, 2003
FROM: City Manager FILE: 0390-01
SUBJECT: 2003 Community Energy Planning Mission

RECOMMENDATION

Council approve the City Manager's participation at the FCM's 2003 Community Energy Planning Mission during 23 – 30th August in the Netherlands.

DISCUSSION

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities invited expressions of interest to participate in FCM's 2003 Community Energy Planning (CEP) Mission to the Netherlands from August 23rd to 30th. The purpose of the Mission is to provide Canadian Municipal Officials with learning experience that demonstrates how Community Energy Planning concepts support sustainable community development including the following:

- Infrastructure Design and Efficiency
- Sustainable Waste Management Policies
- Land Use and Sustainable Planning Practices
- Community Energy Systems
- Environmental Policies and Strategies

On May 5, 2003, FCM's Project Manager informed us that Surrey's Mayor and City Manager have been selected to participate in the 2003 CEP Mission. FCM's Project Manager has requested confirmation of attendance as there is a significant waiting list resulting from a much greater expression of interest than seats available in the Mission. In the first round, FCM has selected a total of 36 local government Elected Officials and City Managers/senior staff from across Canada.

There is a registration fee of \$900 Canadian for each attendee. FCM states that contributions from Natural Resources Canada, FCM and sponsors from Canada and Europe will help subsidize expenses. FCM will pay for hotel accommodations, some meals and ground transportation.

Mayor McCallum has advised that he is unable to participate due to his daughter's wedding during this week.

The cost of the City Manager's participation in this Mission will be similar to that of attending the International City Manager's Association Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA in September 2003, which the City Manager will not attend for this year.

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