



Regional Board Report

TO: Regional Board

FROM: Mary Jane Drouin
Manager-Corporate Services

DATE: September 10, 2019

SUBJECT: Electoral Area Director Approval to Attend 2019 Keeping it Rural Conference

Voting Entitlement: All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority - LGA 208.1

Purpose: To seek Board approval for Director Carson and Director Bartyik's attendance at the 2019 The BC Rural Centre – Keeping it Rural Conference

Executive Summary:

Board approval, as per policy, is required for the electoral area directors to attend conferences of this nature. The BC Rural Centre (previously known as SIBAC – Southern Interior Beetle Action Coalition) is hosting a Keeping it Rural Conference in Kelowna, October 7 & 8, 2019. The cost of the conference is \$425 plus GST. The 2019 electoral area budgets will take into account the expenses for attending the conference. Both Directors Bartyik and Carson have expressed interest in attending this conference as it is specifically targeted towards rural areas.

As per Board policy: Board Remuneration and Expense Policy No. 7.15

Expenses for attending Conference and Seminars (All Directors)

When attending out of District meetings, seminars, conferences or other business authorized by the Board, Directors are entitled to claim receipted expenses for the following:

- i) ferry tolls, ferry reservation fees and highway tolls;
- ii) airline tickets including all fees and charges;
- iii) bus, taxi, and limousine services;
- iv) parking charges;
- v) business phone calls; and vi) accommodation

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Regional Board approve Director Bartyik and Director Carson's attendance at the 2019 Keeping it Rural Conference, October 7 & 8, 2019 in Kelowna, BC, including registration and travel expenses as per Board policy.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Jane Drouin
Manager – Corporate Services

Approved for Board's Consideration

Brian Reardon, CAO

Attachment: Keeping it Rural Conference Notice & Agenda