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MAKARA/OHARIU COMMUNITY BOARD
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REPORT 11
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NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS CONFERENCE 2007, THURSDAY 7 – SATURDAY 9 JUNE 2007, MANUKAU CITY

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1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on and to seek approval for up to two members of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board to attend the 'New Zealand Community Boards' conference to be held in Manukau City, Thursday 7 – Saturday 9 June 2007.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

1. *Receive the information.*

2. *Recommend that the Strategy and Policy Committee approve the attendance of up to two members from the Makara/Ohariu Community Board at the 'New Zealand Community Boards' conference to be held in Manukau City Thursday 7 – Saturday 9 June 2007 and agree that the costs associated with attending the meeting are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*

3. *Note that a report back on the meeting will be presented to the Makara/Ohariu Community Board in accordance with Council policy.*

3. Discussion

The theme of the 2007 Community Boards conference is 'Leading to Safer Communities', which has been identified for most communities as the number one concern currently. The conference will provide elected members with practical tools to achieve safe communities, as well as opportunities to further skills needed as a Community Board member.

During the conference gala dinner, the presentation of Best Practice Awards will be made to Community Boards who have made significant contributions to the process of achieving excellence in Local Government.

There are a wide range of keynote speakers over the course of the conference. Including:

Howard Broad – Commissioner of Police
Appointed to the position of Commissioner of the New Zealand Police in April 2006 and with a career that spans 31 years. Over his career, he has worked in a range of operational, policy, administrative and international posts. Mr Board will deliver a keynote presentation on 'Police need community partnerships for crime and crash reduction'.

Judge Andrew Becroft – Principal Youth Court Judge
Appointed Principal Youth Court Judge for New Zealand in 2001. He is also currently the patron of the New Zealand Speak Easy Association Inc., which assists those with speech impediments and is patron of the Family Help Trust. Judge Becroft will deliver a keynote presentation on 'Targeting local and national resources to young people – birth to youth'.

Inspector Tony Lake – Queensland Police Service
Has served with the Queensland Police Service for more than 30 years and is an expert in crime prevention through environmental design principles. He leads the project team who are responsible for the development and implementation of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Guidelines for Queensland. Inspector Lake will deliver the workshop on 'Community development – Implementing practical and sustainable tools to retain a safer school and WHO accreditation'.

Robyn Rusher – Ministry for Social Development
Is the Northern Regional Manager of Family and Community Services with the Ministry of Social Development. Ms Rusher is also currently the Chairperson of the Safe Communities Outcome Group and a member of the Strategic Leadership Group of Manukau City Council. Ms Rusher will deliver the keynote presentation on 'MSD Youth Initiatives in Communities'.

Dr Love Chile – Auckland University of Technology
Is the Research and Development Programme leader [Community Development] and Coordinator of post graduate studies at the Institute of Public Policy, Auckland University of Technology. Dr Chile will give the keynote presentation on 'Community development tools for community participation in decision making'.

Interactive concurrent workshops will be held on a number of topics, which will include question time for keynote presentations. Some of the topics covered include:

- Are you an effective advocate for your community's issues?
- Crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) – the role of community boards
- Effective boards earn community respect – practical tips

- Creative Ideas – thinking outside the square to reduce crime
- The value of using the Local Government Act and the Resource Management Act together in achieving positive community results

The full programme is attached at appendix one.

It is the intention of management to have officer representation at the conference.

3.1 Considerations

When deciding whether up to two members of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board 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 if two members of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board are appointed is expected to be $2,533.76 and will be met from the conference budget.

The cost of attendance per person is broken down as follows:

Item	**Cost**
Registration	$646.88
Return Flights	$360.00
Accommodation	$260.00
Total	**$1,266.88**

The impact on the budget of up to two members of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board attending this conference is outlined below:

	2006/2007 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees	**$34,000.00**	$20,990.19[1]	$12,009.81
Impact of sending up to **two** elected members to the conference	$2,533.76	$23,523.95	$10,476.05

4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether the Council should approve the attendance of up to two members of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board at the 'New Zealand Community Board' conference to be held in Manukau City, Thursday 7 – Saturday 9 June 2007.

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[1] The attendance of 5 Elected Members at the LGNZ Conference at a cost of $5000.00.
The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the TRAFINZ Conference at a cost of $2310.00
The attendance of 2 Elected Members at the Safer Communities Conference at a cost of $400
The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the Digital Earth 06 Conference at a cost of $1800
The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the Youth and Local Government Conference in New Plymouth at a cost of $776
The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the LIANZA Conference in Wellington at a cost of $500
The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the RMLA Conference 2006 at a cost of $1,825.
The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the NZ Walking Conference 2006 in Christchurch at a cost of $865
The attendance of 2 Elected Members at Climate Change: The Policy Challenges Symposium in Wellington at a cost of $350
The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the New Zealand Recreation Association Conference in Auckland at a cost of $748.75
The attendance of the Mayor and 1 Elected Member at the Commonwealth Local Government Conference in Auckland at a cost of $2,450.00
The attendance of 2 Elected Members at the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment 20 Forum – The New Context Forum in Wellington at a cost of $900.
The attendance of 1 Elected Member at Accelerating Now! Local Action, Sustainability iclei Conference in Melbourne at a cost of $2,029.19.
Reimbursement subsidy of $1000 for Accelerating Now! Local Action, Sustainability iclei Conference.
The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the Sister Cities Conference in Te Anau at a cost of $2,026.25.

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