
REPORT 11*(1215/52 /IM)*

**NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE,
DUNEDIN, 3-6 MARCH 2005**

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on the New Zealand Community Boards' annual conference to be held in Dunedin, 3-6 March 2005, and to seek approval for councillor and community board member attendance at the conference.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Recommend that Council approve the attendance of one Councillor, the Chair of the Tawa Community Board and the Chair of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board at the New Zealand Community Boards' conference to be held in Dunedin from 3-6 March 2005, and that the costs associated with attending the conference be met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEMO1).*
3. *Note that a Strategy and Policy Committee meeting and a Regional Land Transport Committee meeting are scheduled for Thursday 3 March 2005 and a Councillor Briefing by the Wellington Zoo Trust and Council Controlled Organisation Performance Subcommittee workshop are scheduled for Friday 4 March 2005.*
4. *Note that a report back on the conference will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee in accordance with Council policy.*

3. Discussion

The focus of the conference is a sporting theme and this has been incorporated through out the programme, for example "Playing the Numbers Game" with Linda Constable of the Local Government Commission and receiving the "Coach's Pep Talk" from the Minister of Local Government, Chris Carter and Nick Smith, National's spokesman on Local Government.

Topics that will be discussed at this conference include:

PRESENTATIONS:

Let's Play Ball: Hon David Benson-Pope

The amendments to the Resource Management Act 1991 and their effect on the planning process.

A Game of Two Halves: Jim Harland, Chief Executive Dunedin City Council

A head-to-head between the Dunedin City Council and the North Shore City Council.

New Kid on the Block: Irene Scurr, Chairperson Otago Peninsula Community Board,

Establishing a community board and the first steps of the novice player.

Game of Life and Death

Civil Defence Emergencies and the role of Community Board Members.

WORKSHOPS:

A	Chairing of Meetings and Code of Conduct
B	Emergency Services working with Community Boards
C	Induction and Role for New Community Board Members
D	Making a Submission to the Local Government Commission
E	Making submissions to the RMA / Environment Court by boards
F	Training of Members wishing to sit on Resource Consent Panels
G	Consultation and Significant Projects by Community Boards with reference to Best Practice Awards
H	Facilitation and Partnerships for Community Boards with reference to Best Practice Awards

Disclaimer: The Organising Committee reserves the right to make programme changes if deemed necessary.

Further information on the conference is attached to this report.

4.1 Considerations

When deciding whether elected members 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 three elected members are sent is expected to be \$4308.00 and will be met from the elected members' conference budget.

The impact on the budget of three elected members attending this conference is outlined in Table One.

Table One

	2004/2005 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees, accommodation and travel	\$34,000	\$1795.00 ¹	\$32,205
Impact of sending three elected member to the conference	\$4308.00	\$6103.00	\$27,897

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

Item	Cost
Registration	\$500.00
Accommodation (x3 nights)	\$450.00
Return Airfares	\$486.00
Total	\$1436.00

A Strategy and Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 3 March which is the first day of the conference. This is mainly for attendees to register for the conference and attend the conference dinner and best practice awards. It would be possible to register early on Friday 4 March and not miss any of the sessions on the conference's programme, in order for councillors to attend the committee meeting the day before.

4. Conclusion

A decision is required as to as to which elected members should attend the New Zealand Community Boards' conference in Dunedin, 3-6 March 2005.

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¹ The attendance of 1 Councillor to the LIANZA conference at a cost of \$1795.00