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**REPORT 3**  
*(1215/52/IM)*

## **NEW ZEALAND WALKING CONFERENCE, AUCKLAND, MONDAY 4 – TUESDAY 5 AUGUST 2008**

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### **1. Purpose of Report**

To provide information on and to seek approval for one elected member to attend the 'New Zealand Walking' Conference to be held in Auckland, Monday 4 - Tuesday 5 August 2008.

### **2. Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Approve the attendance of one Elected Member at the 'New Zealand Walking' Conference to be held in Auckland, Monday 4 – Tuesday 5 August 2008 and agree that the costs associated with attending the conference are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*
- 3. Note that there is an Environment Reference Group meeting scheduled for Monday 4 August and a Strategy and Policy pre-meeting session scheduled for Tuesday 5 August 2008.*
- 4. Note that a report back on the meeting will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting in accordance with Council policy.*

### **3. Discussion**

The 2008 conference is the third walking conference and links with the Government's targets for sustainable transport. The theme for the conference is 'Double the Feet on the Street' and will bring together delegates from a range of groups including government, planning, health and design business. The conference will provide an opportunity to share research, successes and challenges.

The programme will include workshops, forums, plenary sessions and walkshops. The MC for the conference is Dr Louise Schofield. Dr Schofield's background is in education and public health especially in regard to behaviour change. She also is the Managing Director of her own workplace health company.

Key note speakers will include:

- **Dan Burdon** – Mr Burden is internationally recognised as the authority on walkability, liveability, healthy streets and smart growth. He was recently listed by Time Magazine as ‘one of the six most important civic innovators in the world.’ In 1996 Mr Burden founded Walkable Communities Inc. which is a non-profit group that assists North American communities become more walkable.

Workshops will be split into three categories, ‘Walking by Design’, ‘Promoting Walking’ and ‘Walking to School’. Sessions will include discussions on:

### **Walking by design**

- How to make pedestrian friendly communities an economically rational choice.
- How does public transport accessibility influence work-related travel behaviours?
- Designing inclusive streetscapes

### **Promoting Walking**

- Encouraging walking through driver safety education.
- Sharing successful community walking initiatives and approaches.
- Learning from research and education experience

### **Walking to School**

- Walking school buses in Auckland.
- Walking to school: Are parents aware of the benefits?

There will be presentations on a number of topics, including:

- The New Zealand walking profile (A snapshot of walking in New Zealand).
- Urban design and how it encourages people to walk (Rodney urban design guide and Abu Dhabi).
- Street layouts for walkable cities.

### **3.1 Considerations**

When deciding whether one elected member 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 for one elected member to attend this Conference is expected to be \$1,192.00 and will be met from the conference budget.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost per person</b>
Return Flights	\$600.00
Accommodation	\$142.00
Registration	\$450.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,192.00</b>

The impact on the budget of one Elected Member attending this Conference is outlined below:

	2007/2008 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees	<b>\$34,000.00</b>	\$18,976.94	\$25,023.06
Impact of sending <b>one</b> elected member to the conference	\$1,192.00	\$10,168.94	\$23,831.06

#### **4. Conclusion**

A decision is required as to whether the Committee should approve the attendance of one Elected Member at the 'New Zealand Walking' Conference to be held in Auckland on 4-5 August 2008.

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<sup>1</sup> The attendance of 4 Elected Members at the LGNZ Conference at a cost of \$8,664 Mayor to attend World Summit at a cost of \$312.94

## 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*