



## Corporate Report

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**Report from** Transportation & Environmental Services, Administration

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**Subject:** Attendance at Transportation Association of Canada Conference,  
October 14 -17, 2012, Fredericton, New Brunswick

### Recommendation

That Council receive the report regarding attendance at the Transportation Association of Canada Conference in Fredericton, New Brunswick, for information purposes. FORTHWITH

### Background

In accordance with Council direction, a report is to be filed within three months of attendance by the person who attended an out of province conference. As part of the Council meeting of July 23, 2012, Council approved the Director of Transportation & Environmental Services to attend this conference.

### Report

The theme of this year's conference, "Transportation: Innovation & Opportunities", brought together over 750 transportation professionals as well as subject experts from across Canada and the United States to speak on environmental management, innovative active transportation facilities, innovation opportunities, as well as a workshop on the soon to be released Canadian Guide for Greener Roads. The conference also showcased some of the innovation in New Brunswick through the technical tours of the Princess Margaret Bridge, the Mactaquac Dam, the Fundy Trail Parkway, the new Transit Operations Centre, and the new Firefighter Training Facility.

Relevant presentations included the "Street Use Code", an Active Transportation Project in use in France and now being used in Montreal, Quebec. This code shows a road hierarchy from pedestrian priority zones to arterial roadways and the corresponding designs and speed limits. There were also presentations on designing efficient and safe bikeway connections and how to integrate active transportation into your designs. As well, the conference gave an opportunity to get a sneak preview of TAC's proposed Canadian Guide for Greener Roads. The workshop discussed how to use the Guide to self-evaluate the sustainability benefits of an existing or new roadway project.

One of the major advantages of attending this annual conference is that it provides a regular and structured forum for discussion and information sharing to assist in identifying emerging trends, best practices, emerging issues, and lessons learned from a multitude of municipalities from all across Canada. This conference assists staff to remain current with the evolving issues faced by transportation professionals.

**Financial Implications**

Not Applicable.

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