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Corporate Report

Report from Planning & Development Services, Administration

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Subject: Attendance at 2012 CIP / APPI Conference, October 9-12, 2012, Calgary, Alberta

Recommendation

That Council receive the report regarding attendance at the 2012 CIP / APPI Conference in Calgary, Alberta, 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 2012 budget, Council approved the Director of Planning and Development Services to attend this conference.

Report

The theme of this year's conference, "The Great Exchange, Putting Ideas into Action", brought together a wide array of professionals involved in planning to discuss how they help to facilitate change by putting ideas into action.

Relevant presentations included "Urbanizing Suburbia – the Canadian Experience", "The Value of Investing in Canadian Downtowns", "Pop-up Community Planning: New Approaches to Public Engagement" and "Best Practices in Community Sustainability Planning and Measuring Success". This annual conference assists staff to remain current with the evolving issues faced by planners.

Of particular interest were seminars that discussed models for promoting and monitoring sustainable development including matrices for evaluating development applications. Financial impact analysis of sustainable and liveable communities was also presented. Conference materials and presentations have been made available to staff and a discussion will occur at the next available staff meeting.

Financial Implications

Not applicable.

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