



Corporate Report

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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: July 12, 2004
FROM: City Clerk FILE:
SUBJECT: Joint Family Court Committee Conference -
2005

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the City hosting the Joint Family Court/Youth Justice Committee Conference for the spring of 2005, and that the conference costs be recovered through the registration fee.

INTENT

To provide information to Council concerning the City of Surrey hosting a Family Court/ Youth Justice Committee Conference in the spring of 2005.

BACKGROUND

In 2002, Council passed a resolution authorizing the City to host the Family Court/Youth Justice Committee Conference in 2004. No conference is planned for 2004, as the committee is interested in undertaking the planning for a conference in the spring of 2005. The Committee, at its meeting last week, passed a resolution that the City of Surrey's 2004 Provincial Conference of the Joint Family Court Committees be delayed to 2005.

DISCUSSION

The committee will be surveying all of the Family Court/Youth Justice Committees in the Province to get their interest in dates, times and topics.

The last Family Court/Youth Justice Committee Conference was held in the City of New Westminster, October 24-26, 2003. The sessions were held in a school facility in the City of New Westminster, and catering was provided for the sessions. The City of New Westminster set the registration fee at \$75.00 per person, approximately 100 people attended, and all costs were recovered through the registration fee.

The City of Surrey will be paying the up front costs for the conference, and it is anticipated that the costs incurred by the City will be recovered through the registration fee.

The conference opened October 24 with registration, keynote address, and networking session. The Saturday session had both speakers and workshops and focussed on "Restorative Justice: Building Partnerships, Building Community". The Sunday session was mainly centered around the AGM and a business session on reflections, resolutions and motions.

CONCLUSION

The conference would provide an opportunity for the committee members in the province to gain knowledge of problems other jurisdictions experience and with representatives from the Province in attendance, help determine the role and focus of the Family Court/Youth Justice Committees in the province.

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