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TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **July 10, 2009**

FROM: **City Manager** FILE:

SUBJECT: **2009 Surrey Regional Economic Summit**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council approve the expenditure of \$6,300 from the Council Initiative Fund for the Mayor and Council to be registered for the 2009 Surrey Regional Economic Summit to be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2009.

DISCUSSION

The 2009 Surrey Regional Economic Summit, featuring the Right Honourable Tony Blair, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, builds on the success of the 2008 Summit, which featured former New York City Mayor, Rudy Giuliani along with other high-profile speakers and panellists. More than 400 business leaders from across the Metro Vancouver Region attended the 2008 Summit to learn more about and share information on issues related to the economy including transportation, liveability, investment, and innovative solutions for public safety.

The 2009 Surrey Regional Economic Summit's one-day agenda includes the following panel topics:

- Powering Prosperity: Energy, Environment and the Green Economy
- Fast Forward to the Future: Choices, Challenges and Changes in BC's Economy
- New Lessons in Leadership: CEOs on the New Economic Realities
- When the World is Watching: 2010's Media Impact on Metro Vancouver

The 2009 Surrey Regional Economic Summit, being a partnership between the City of Surrey and the Surrey Board of Trade, will be held at the Sheraton Vancouver Guildford hotel and is expected to attract over 600 senior executives from across the Region.

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