

June 26, 2019

Secretary,
SPC on Planning, Development and
Community Services

Dear Secretary:

**Re: Municipal Planning Commission
2020 Proposed Budget
(File No. CK. 1704-5)**

The Municipal Planning Commission, at its meeting held on June 25, 2019, resolved that a proposed budget of \$7,000 be submitted for inclusion in the 2020 Business Plan and Budget deliberations. The budget for 2019 was \$5,000.

The Commission is asking for the increased budget for 2020 for the following reasons. Over the past couple years the Commission has acquired new members and subsequently more interest in attending conferences and workshops. To add to this, there has been an increase in the registration, accommodation and travel fees which limits the number of Commission members who are able to attend. A list of 2020 conferences and workshops that are of interest to the members is attached for your reference. Attendance for conferences and workshops is important for a member to ensure a better understanding of the best planning practices and provide insight of on-going challenges, whether it be from a planning or environmental perspective.

The Commission recognizes that the budget of \$5,000 has not been used to its full potential in previous years. This has not been due to no interest in educational opportunities but simply timing or affordability. It should be noted the budget for the Commission has not been increased since 2014.

The Municipal Planning Commission respectfully requests for an increase of the budget to \$7,000 for 2020 and this increase be submitted to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services for inclusion in the 2020 Business Plan and Budget deliberations.

Yours truly,



Mr. Robin Mowat, Chair
Municipal Planning Commission

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Municipal Planning Commission Education Opportunities for 2020

Event	Where and When	Registration Fees (not including travel or accommodation)	Members Interested
Saskatchewan Professional Planners Institute (SPPI)	2019 – North Battleford, SK	Estimate: \$800 to 900	2
Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP)	2019 – Ottawa, ON	2019 fee: \$989	2
FCM Sustainable Communities Conference October 2020	ST. John's, NL Oct 20-22, 2020	2019 fee: \$1,025-early bird \$1,215-regular	1
EcoCity World Summit	2019 – Vancouver, BC	2019 fee: \$800-early \$900 regular	1
International Conference on Architecture and Urban Design (ICAUD)	Vancouver, BC – August 6-7, 2020	2020 fee: \$250-early	1
The International Association of People Environment Studies (IAPS)	Quebec – June 21 to 26, 2020	-	1
International Downtown Association Conference	2019 – Baltimore, ND, USA	2019 fees: \$975 One day price-\$425	1
Winter Cities Conference	2019 – Saskatoon, SK	2019 fees: \$480-early \$670-regular	1