

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Re: Air Quality Workshop 2002

THAT Councillor Shepherd be authorized to attend the 3-day Air Quality Workshop, hosted by Environment Canada, being held at the Coast Capri Hotel on October 21 to 23, 2002 with registration expenses (\$399.00) paid in accordance with Council Remuneration and Expense Bylaw No. 7547, using funds from Account No. 351-10-015-0-006.

BACKGROUND:

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Canada's 2nd National Workshop on Air Quality

Air Quality Science, Management and Public Health in Western North America

Hosted by Environment Canada

Coast Capri Hotel - Kelowna, BC
October 21-23, 2002

In April, 2001 Fredericton, New Brunswick hosted Canada's First National Workshop on Air Quality Forecasting and Applications. At the workshop, experts from across Canada, the US and Mexico took up the challenge to identify and begin to address the impacts of unacceptable levels of air pollutants on a local, regional and international scale.



"Every Canadian has the right to know the quality of the air that they breathe"

*Environment Canada
Mr. David Anderson
Minister*

AQ2002 will build on these themes - with a Western focus. Experts from the fields of health, meteorology, numerical modeling, policy and education and more will join forces to explore the air quality challenges unique to the communities which lie along the Pacific Coast and in the complex mountainous terrain of the Interior. In the west, air quality often becomes a local-scale issue as pollutants are trapped in mountain valleys or in coastal inversions. At other times, however, regional scale events lead to cross-border transport of pollutants. On occasion, pollutants can travel to western North America from Asia and even Europe.

All of our efforts to understand and mitigate air pollution have one common purpose - to lessen the impact of airborne pollutants on human and ecosystem health. This workshop could not be complete without addressing the issues of health and effective communication of information intended to reduce these impacts. "People have the right to know the quality of the air they breathe".

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