

SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: SENIOR ABUSE AWARENESS CONFERENCE

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council approve funding in the amount of \$60.00 to cover the registration fee for up to three (3) members of the Social Issues Committee to attend the "Gears In Motion: Addressing Senior Abuse in B.C." Conference to be held on Thursday, 2006 June 15 in Vancouver.

REPORT

The Social Issues Committee, at its Open meeting held on 2006 May 16, received information regarding the "Gears In Motion: Addressing Senior Abuse in B.C." Conference sponsored by the Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of B.C.

The Conference is designed to:

- empower seniors to act on their own behalf and to exercise their rights and advocate for their own interests, making them aware of available services and resources to help them deal with abuse.
- ensure that the general population is aware that elder abuse happens and that it is a serious and growing problem.
- educate people to perceive the elderly more favourably as positive contributors to society.
- inform and train those involved in the care and advocacy of seniors, both professional and non professional, to recognise and act on abuse or suspicion of abuse.

Arising from discussion, the Social Issues Committee requested that Council approve funding in the amount of \$60 to cover the registration fee for three (3) members to attend the Conference.

The registration cost will be charged to the Boards, Committees and Commissions budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

Councillor Dan Johnston
Vice Chair

Councillor Garth Evans
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