



Report to: Committee of the Whole

Date of Meeting: September 12, 2006

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**SUBJECT:** Local Government Exchange and Cooperation Seminar 2006  
Business Expense Authorization

**PREPARED BY:** Don Taylor, Manager, Executive Operations x.5972

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the report entitled “Local Government Exchange and Cooperation Seminar 2006 Business Expense Authorization” be received;

AND THAT Council authorize John Livey, CAO to attend, the Local Government Exchange and Cooperation Seminar 2006 in Tokyo, Japan from November 3, 2006 to and including November 15, 2006.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

All costs associated with attendance at the seminar (airfare, accommodation, meals, etc.) will be borne by the Canadian Urban Institute.

**PURPOSE:**

To authorize out of country travel by the CAO for the purpose of networking with international local government executives, local governments in Japan, and the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR).

**BACKGROUND:**

The Local Government Exchange and Cooperation Seminar is hosted by the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR) in Japan. The 2006 Seminar brings together people from both Japan and abroad who are working in local governments and related organizations with the goal of promoting a network among overseas local government executives, local governments in Japan, and CLAIR.

By exchanging information and engaging in debate regarding the current conditions and issues of local governments, the Seminar functions to make people more aware of the state of local governments in Japan and abroad. In addition, the Exchange Events in Local Authorities Program provides overseas participants the opportunity to learn more about Japanese culture and can also be an initial step to future exchange.

CLAIR has accepted John Livey as one of 13 participants from the United States and Canada.

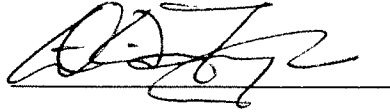
**OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:**

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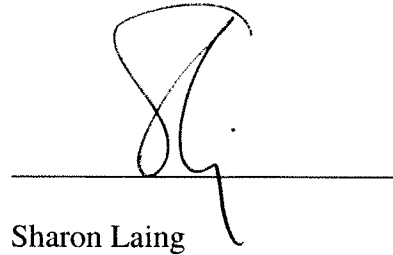
**FINANCIAL TEMPLATE:**

Not applicable.

**RECOMMENDED  
BY:**

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Director  
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**ATTACHMENTS:**

None.