

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: Travel Authorization – Mayor Danny Breen – CERAWeek–
March 10-14, 2025 – Houston Texas

Date Prepared: January 6, 2025

Report To: Regular Meeting of Council

Councillor and Role: Mayor Danny Breen, Governance & Strategic Priorities

Ward: N/A

Decision/Direction Required:

Seeking Council approval for costs associated with travel for Mayor Danny Breen to attend the CERAWeek Conference in Houston Texas in March of 2025.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

CERAWeek is the preeminent annual energy conference for thought leaders, energy executives, and government officials. The conference provides a platform for discussion on a range of energy-related topics, including the world economic outlook, geopolitics, energy policy and regulation, climate change and technological innovation, hydrogen and other renewables among other topics. With strong global demand for green energy projects, there is a window of opportunity, and the provincial strategic location to key markets presents an opportunity for investment.

The World Energy Cities Partnership (WECP), of which St. John's is a member, will be holding their working meeting during the week. The WECP is invited to be part of CERAWeek, giving excellent opportunities to exchange ideas and insights. It is anticipated that each energy city mayor, including Mayor Breen, may have speaking opportunities on panels or networking events at CERAWeek. The Government of Canada will have a program that affords the opportunity for St. John's to meet with a variety of energy related businesses and delegates for the purposes of identifying future potential business development opportunities.

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications: The estimated cost for this travel is \$5,200. Available budget is \$29,000.
2. Partners or Other Stakeholders: The World Energy Cities Partnership

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3. Is this a New Plan or Strategy: No

If yes, are there recommendations or actions that require progress reporting?

If yes, how will progress be reported? (e.g.: through the strategic plan, through Cascade, annual update to Council, etc.)

4. Alignment with Strategic Directions:

A Sustainable City: Facilitate and create the conditions that drive the economy by being business and industry friendly; and being a location of choice for residents, businesses and visitors.

A City that Moves: Create a sustainable and accessible, low-carbon public transportation system.

5. Alignment with Adopted Plans: N/A
6. Accessibility and Inclusion: N/A
7. Legal or Policy Implications: N/A
8. Privacy Implications: N/A
9. Engagement and Communications Considerations: N/A
10. Human Resource Implications: N/A
11. Procurement Implications: N/A
12. Information Technology Implications: N/A
13. Other Implications: N/A

Recommendation:

That Council approve the travel cost for Mayor Danny Breen to attend the CERA Week Conference in Houston Texas in March of 2025.

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Report Approval Details

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