

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: Travel Authorization – Atlantic Mayors’ Congress – June 19-21, 2025 Saint John, New Brunswick

Date Prepared: April 17, 2025

Report To: Regular Meeting of Council

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

Ward: N/A

Decision/Direction Required:

Seeking approval for Mayor Breen to attend the Atlantic Mayor’s Congress June 19-21, 2025, in Saint John, New Brunswick.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

The Atlantic Mayors’ Congress (AMC) is a respected regional forum where municipal leaders from across Atlantic Canada convene to discuss shared challenges, regional opportunities, and collaborative strategies. The next Congress has been confirmed for June 19–21, 2025, in Saint John, New Brunswick, and will be hosted at the Saint John Trade & Convention Centre, with accommodations available at the connected Hilton Saint John.

This year’s agenda will focus on pressing municipal issues including U.S. trade, immigration, electrification, and the growing incivility in the municipal sector, among other topics. While full agenda details are forthcoming, the event promises valuable dialogue on themes highly relevant to municipal governance and the strategic direction of the City of St. John’s.

Mayor Danny Breen has been invited to attend as the City’s delegate, covered under the annual AMC membership fee. His participation in this forum supports the City’s ongoing efforts to engage with regional partners, share best practices, and advocate for solutions that address common municipal concerns. The Congress also offers an opportunity to network with peers, strengthen intermunicipal relationships, and ensure the City’s voice is part of broader Atlantic Canadian discussions.

Approval of Mayor Breen’s travel to attend the 2025 AMC meetings will enable continued regional collaboration and reinforce the City’s commitment to effective, engaged municipal leadership.

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Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications: Registration is included in our membership. The estimated cost for Mayor Breen to attend is approximately \$2500. The yearly Council travel budget of \$29,000 currently sits at an estimated -\$17,836.18.

2. Partners or Other Stakeholders: Atlantic Mayors' Congress

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:

An Effective City: Achieve service excellence through collaboration, innovation and modernization grounded in client needs.

Choose an item.

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 cost of travel for Mayor Breen to attend the Atlantic Mayors' Caucus Meetings in Saint John, New Brunswick.

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Report Approval Details

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