

NOTICE OF MOTION

SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR: Councillor J McKay

COUNCIL MEETING: Ordinary Meeting 10 November 2016

I hereby notify of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting to take place on Thursday **10 November 2016:**

That Council

- a) Approve the attendance of Councillor McKay at the 2017 CLAIR Local Government Exchange and Cooperation Seminar, Japan 12-22 February 2017;
- b) Authorise \$750 from the International Relations fund to assist with associated travel expenses and note that the balance of any costs will be funded as professional development within the Councillor's expense and reimbursement fund allocation

..... *J.M. McKay*
Councillor

..... *3rd November 2016*
Date

To all Councillors and Directors

I hereby notify that Councillor J McKay intends to move the motion as shown above at the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 10 November 2016.

..... *[Signature]*
Chief Executive Officer

..... *3/11/16*
Date

COUNCILLOR COMMENT

Background to be provided here outlining why the above motion should be adopted by Council -

- The Local Government Exchange and Cooperation Seminar (“the Seminar”) is hosted by the Japan Local Government Centre, Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR). The goal of the Seminar is to build networks and promote mutual understanding between the local governments in Japan and overseas.
- Following assessment of the applications to participate in the Seminar, the Director of CLAIR has invited me to lead the delegation of six successful applicants from Australia and New Zealand. This is a prestigious position and will provide the opportunity to position the Sunshine Coast region at the forefront of the Seminar discussions and activities.
- The Seminar is a study tour that provides senior executives from government and peak organisations in the Oceania region with the opportunity to meet with Japanese public officials to exchange ideas and expertise on mutual challenges experienced by local governments with local officials and fellow participants.
- My attendance at the Seminar will provide a great opportunity to profile the Sunshine Coast, supporting Council endeavours in building economic and cultural connections and positioning our region in international markets.
- The Seminar will be held from 12 – 22 February, 2017. The Program for the 2017 Seminar is based on the following themes;
 - Attracting international tourists to small provincial towns
 - Fostering wide-ranging cooperation with adjacent cities for tourism
- The cost to Council associated with my attendance at the Seminar in Japan is \$1,500 which is for international flights to Japan and local ground transfers. This amount would be funded \$750 from the Councillor’s expense and reimbursement fund and \$750 from the International Relations fund.
- CLAIR will meet all costs associated with seminar registration, on-ground transport, accommodation, site visits, meals and insurance.
- This notice has been prepared with the confidence that my fellow Councillors will acknowledge that international exchange is dear to my heart, in particular the topic of regional promotion, and that there is much to learn and pass onto the regional promotion agencies, cultural associations and local government on the Sunshine Coast.
- The justification for my attendance at this event, is supported by my active participation and support of international exchanges and efforts at raising the profile of the Sunshine Coast region and my councillor assisting responsibilities.