



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Councillor Garett Cochrane  
2025 FCM conference

## **Overview report**

### **May 28<sup>th</sup>:**

**Traveled from Yellowknife to Ottawa.**

### **May 29<sup>th</sup>:**

**Attended sessions on;**

#### **Building equity and accessibility metrics into decision making;**

Speakers were from FCM's policy division and spoke to how we can look at any future municipal project with an equity lens. Also had great discussions with colleagues from Alberta, Saskatchewan, Prince Edward Island and Ontario about their experiences as municipal leaders.

#### **Ottawa's nightlife economy action plan:**

Speaker was the night economy commissioner for Ottawa, Mathieu Grondin, and the focus on creating a robust nightlife economy enjoy a competitive advantage when it comes to talent attraction, destination development and tourism and quality of life. Spoke directly with after about we can advance our nightlife economy with our aurora based tourism and how to advance our unique amount of sunlight in the summer. Also spoke with an Ottawa Councillor on implementation of the changes to bylaws and policy, as well as rep from Delloite on competitive advantages for shirting towards this form of tourism.

#### **Participated in the Prairie/North Caucus**

Great opportunity to thank our table officers, learn more about programs offered through FCM, lobbying efforts and had a small side caucus with our fellow northern municipal leaders.

## **May 30<sup>th</sup>:**

### **Attended keynote speakers;**

- Assembly of First Nations National Chief
- Big Cities Mayors from Canada/US
- Prime Minister of Canada

### **Sessions attended;**

- Mastering narrative control: Become your own newsroom

### **Tradeshow;**

Met with colleagues from Nova Scotia, BC, New Brunswick, Manitoba, and Quebec. As well as participated in an interview with a student from the University of Ottawa on the trade realities of Yellowknife and the NWT.

### **Participated in the reception for the Northern/ Prairies caucus.**

## **May 31st**

### **Attended keynote speakers;**

- Deputy Leader of the Opposition
- Member of Parliament for Courtenay—Alberni, British Columbia

### **Participated in the plenary sessions;**

Voted in support of all motions introduced on the floor, and spoke against an amendment on the motion from the Nunavut Association of Municipalities about the need to invest in municipal infrastructure as well as climate change adaptation and mitigation all in support of Arctic and broader national security.

### **Formation of a Pride Caucus;**

Had an adhoc meeting with other Queer municipal leaders, including Mayor of Radium Hot Springs (BC) and a Councillor from Lethbridge (AB), about formulating for future FCM conferences a caucus for 2SLGBTQ+ municipal leaders to network, lobby and put forward motions.

## **June 1<sup>st</sup>**

### **Traveled home to Yellowknife**

**CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE - EXPENSE CLAIM**

EXPENSE ITEMS	ALLOWABLE AMOUNTS Note: Receipts are required for ALL items indicated in "Receipts" column	RECEIPTS Number & show #	Enter date. Use one column for each day.					TOTAL EXPENSE	
			May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1		
AIR TRAVEL	Economy Class (Attach passenger ticket with arrival/ departure times)								
RENTAL CAR	Actual								
PRIVATE VEHICLE	_____ km x _____ rate = \$ _____ (\$0.720/km NWT & \$0.599/km elsewhere)								
TAXI & TRANSIT	Receipts required for all amounts over \$5.00								
ACCOMMODATION	Hotels							1436.85	
	Private Accommodation (\$50.00 / per night)								
INCIDENTALS	\$17.50 / day								
MEALS	Do not claim for sponsored meals or meals included in price of transport	Breakfast \$28.85 / day		28.85					28.85
		Lunch \$35.05 / day		35.05					35.05
		Dinner \$74.95 / day			74.95	74.95	74.95	74.95	299.80
TELEPHONE	Specify Purpose								
OTHER	Specify Purpose								
TOTAL EXPENSE	Specify Purpose								
HONORARIUM	Council only - \$260.00 / day (paid separately through HR)		260.00	260.00	260.00	260.00	260.00	1300.00	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>								<b>3,100.55</b>	

I certify that I have expended the amounts claimed and that all expenditures were on City Business.

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Garett Cochrane (Jun 5, 2025 17:30 MDT)  
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(SIGNATURE OF COUNCIL MEMBER)

06/05/2025  
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(DATE)

Less Advance Received - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Ben Henriksen (Jun 5, 2025 17:33 MDT)  
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(SIGNATURE OF MAYOR)

06/05/2025  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

Balance Owing – To/by Employee/Councillor  
- \$ **3,100.55**  
(CASH/CHEQUE ATTACHED)

Financial Coding: 0100-1-6211

**CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE  
TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION AND EXPENSE CLAIM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Department: \_\_\_\_\_  
 The above named is authorized to travel for \_\_\_\_\_ days, departing \_\_\_\_\_  
 For the purpose of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 For Travel Advance: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Authorization is given for a Travel Expense Advance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Coding: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_