



Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority
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19th January 2023

REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 18th December 2022. Your specific requests and the Park Authority's response are provided below.

“Please could you provide me with any information the LLTNPA holds about the Convener's attendance at the COP summit in Montreal and any agreement about whether the LLTNPA should meet his travel expenses, including any amounts paid to date.”

Scottish and UK Government arrangements were made for official COP15 access for the Convener of the National Park Authority to attend the COP15 conference, which took place in Montreal in December 2022. Scottish Government co-ordinated the participation of the Convener at the summit in advance, however no final commitment for the Convener to attend was agreed until Parks Canada and Scottish Government confirmed meetings and engagements, as set out in the itinerary, see table below. The Convener accompanied the Scottish Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity to some engagements. He also attended other side events and meetings, to build on discussions which took place at the COP26 conference in Glasgow in 2021.

The Convener attended all meetings in his capacity as Convener of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority, which is involved with the work of Scottish Government, EUROPARC, IUCN and UK wide National Park family.

The Convener was the only representative from Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority attending COP15 from Tuesday 13th December to Friday 16th December 2022. His costs were covered by the National Park Authority through prior verbal agreement and were as follows:

- airport parking at Heathrow £100.10
- return flight £1163.56
- accommodation £691.46

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Total cost of attendance - £1955.12

The itinerary of meetings the Convener attended, which were scheduled in advance was as follows:

Date	Event	Time
13.12.2022	reception with Giles Seutin – Chief Scientist at Parks Canada, at Ville de Montréal reception	Evening reception
14.12.2022	Finance and Biodiversity Day at Montreal Convention Centre Speaker slot with Karen Richardson, Parks Canada at IUCN pavilion on Joint Statement of signatories on carbon accounting Use any spare time to engage with National Parks Partnerships	08:30 – 17:30 12:00 – 13:00
15.12.2022	Breakfast meeting with Scottish and Welsh Ministers and Parks Canada	08:00 – 09:00
15.12.2022	IUCN Members Social at Square Victoria Room, Hotel Fairmont IUCN Members Social Square Victoria Room, Hotel Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth, Montréal, QC December 15, 2022 (happeningnext.com) The IUCN is a membership union of government and civil society organisations About IUCN IUCN	18:00 – 20:00
15.12.2022	Nature Positive Pavilion COP15 Nature Positive Pavilion Events Schedule	Side event
16.12.2022	Meeting with Darlene Upton, Vice President, Parks Canada Agency	a.m. – TBC

Yours sincerely

Information Management Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority

Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, or the way in which the Authority has dealt with your request, you are entitled to require the Authority to review its decision. Please note that in order for a review to take place you are required to:

- Send your request for review in writing, setting out in full the reasons why you are requesting a review.
- Submit your review request within 40 working days of either the date on which you

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received a response from the Authority or the date by which you should have received a response under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, whichever is the later.

- address your review request to:

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The review will be handled by staff who were not involved in the original decision. You will receive notice of the result of your review within 20 working days.

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request for review, you can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner, the independent body which oversees the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, at:

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