THAPAR DENIED TRIP TO UBCM BY QUESNEL CITY COUNCIL

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Quesnel City Councillor Sushil Thapar won't be going to next month's UBCM conference in Victoria.

This after the councillors travel request was denied by a split vote Monday night.

Thapar reacted today by saying, "I'm not upset. To me I don't have personality issues. I take it with a grain of salt when you try to do the right things, you catch those culprits who are wasters of tax payers money and then they're so egoistic and arrogant and instead of correcting their 5 star hotel habits they're punishing me by not letting me go to UBCM."

Mayor Mary Sjostrom, a member of Council's Executive Committee, had recommended allowing Thapar to attend the conference provided he keep his communications with, and about, herself and other members of council respectful but said today "when council makes a decision that's the decision council makes and that's what we go with."

Thapar, currently serving his 4thterm on council and who's been censured three times by his colleagues, says to his knowledge he's the first councillor in this province to be denied a trip to UBCM.

Councillors Cave, Roodenburgh and Elliot all opposed Thapar's application.