



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: Out of Province Conference Request – Fire Chief

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From: Rory Thompson
Fire Chief

Date: July 8, 2019

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Fire Chief Rory Thompson be authorized to attend the 2019 Canadian Association of Fire Chief's Conference in Calgary, Alberta from September 13 to September 16, 2019.

PURPOSE:

To seek approval for staff to attend an out-of-province conference.

POLICY:

The City's Travel and Expense Policy GE-10 requires City employees to receive Council approval to attend events outside of the Province of British Columbia.

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

The Canadian Association of Fire Chief's Conference will be held in Calgary, Alberta from September 13 to September 16, 2019.

Fire-Rescue 2019 is the national conference of the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs. Attendees include fire chiefs and company officers, professionals from fire, emergency services, policy, research and practice.

With over 400 delegates, this conference is an opportunity to learn from experts in the fire service covering timely topics including best practices for career and volunteer departments, risk management, operations and labour relations, leadership, diversity, safety-health-wellness, science and technology, and emerging topics.

The preliminary agenda for the Fire-Rescue Canada 2019 conference is attached.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The total cost to attend the conference including transportation, accommodation and per diem is approximately \$2,000.00 and is provided for within the Fire budget.

Note: There is no registration fee for this conference as Chief Thompson is one of the conference presenters.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Deny the request to attend the 2019 Canadian Association of Fire Chief's Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rory Thompson
Fire Chief

Attachment:

1. Fire-Rescue Canada 2019 Preliminary Agenda

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



Francis Cheung, P. Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer