



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: Out of Province Training Request – CP Railway
Emergency Response Training

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From: Rory Thompson
Fire Chief

Date: August 23, 2019

RECOMMENDATION:

That FF Murphy and FF Rosssnagel, be authorized to attend the Flammable Liquids Emergency Rail Response training course in Pueblo, Colorado. October 8-10, 2019. (3-day course).

PURPOSE:

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

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:

Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) has extended an invitation for two Langley City firefighters to attend the Flammable Liquids Emergency Rail Response Course at the Security and Emergency Response Training Center (SERTC) in Pueblo, Colorado.

SERTC is the US Federal Railway Administration's transportation technology centre and contains 77 km (48 miles) of rail line within the 135 km² (52 mile²) site. This site is the best training facility in North America for hands-on realistic training for rail/highway surface transportation incidents involving cargo tanks and intermodal containers.

With increased rail traffic along the Langley rail corridor (upwards of 35 trains per day), and the regular transportation of flammable liquids & other dangerous goods by truck along the Langley Bypass, this training will help the City better prepare to handle these incidents. A rail incident is one of the highest risks identified in Langley City's Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (HRVA). The information learned in this course will assist the City in writing a rail incident response plan.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

CPR will be paying course tuition, airfare, lodging, shuttles and meals. The only costs incurred by the department will be shift coverage for the two firefighters which is approximately \$8,900 and is provided within the Fire budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

Deny the request to attend the SERTC Flammable Liquids Emergency Rail Response course.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rory Thompson
Fire Chief

Attachment:

1. Flammable Liquids Emergency Rail Response Course Description

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



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Chief Administrative Officer