



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: Out of Province Conference Request

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From: Rick Bomhof, P.Eng.  
Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment

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## RECOMMENDATION:

THAT authorization is granted for Mr. Rick Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment to attend the 2022 American Waterworks Association Conference in San Antonio, Texas from June 12 – 15, 2022.

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## PURPOSE:

The purpose of the report is to request approval 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 American Waterworks Association 2022 annual conference and exhibition will be held in San Antonio, Texas, June 12 – 15.

The conference attracts approximately 12,000 delegates from all over the globe, offering 16 session tracks and over 80 technical and management session options. Topics range from asset management, climate resilience, asset condition assessment, distribution and operations management, communications, and water quality, and more. The trade show matches the size and scope of the event with everything one can think of that is related to utilities engineering, maintenance and operations. This includes materials supply, design software modelling

demonstrations, mapping systems, latest fleet technologies for vehicles such as streetsweepers, vacuum trucks, GPS systems as well as networking opportunities.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

The total cost to attend the conference including registration, transportation, accommodation and per diem is approximately \$4,200.00 with funding provided for within the Engineering, Parks & Environment budget.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Do not approve the out-of-province conference request.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Rick Bomhof, P.Eng.  
Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:**

I support the recommendation.



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Francis Cheung, P. Eng.  
Chief Administrative Officer