



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: Out of Province Conference Request for Fire Chief

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From: Scott Kennedy
Fire Chief

Date: June 2, 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Fire Chief Scott Kennedy be authorized to attend the 2023, Canadian Fire Chiefs Association Fire – Rescue Canada Conference in Halifax Nova Scotia, September 17 to 20, 2023.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the report is 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 Fire Chiefs Association Fire-Rescue Canada is a national conference that provides fire chiefs from across the country, many of whom are also emergency program managers, the opportunity to convene for educational and networking purposes.

The conference will be covering such topics as health and wellness in the fire service, leadership challenges, Community Risk Assessment, Climate Change and trends and changes in today's fire service.

The conference will also offer the opportunity to network with other departments that are already dealing with the challenges and opportunities of changing shift rotation patterns in the fire service, including the growing popularity of the 24-hour shift.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The total cost for the Fire Chief to attend the conference including registration, transportation, accommodation and per diem is approximately \$3,000.00 and is provided for within the Fire budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

Deny the request to attend the 2023 Canadian Fire Chiefs Association Fire – Rescue Canada Conference in Halifax Nova Scotia

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott Kennedy
Fire Chief

Attachment:

1. Conference Agenda

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



Francis Cheung, P. Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer