



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: Out of Province Conference Request for Assistant  
Fire Chief

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From: Scott Kennedy  
Fire Chief

Date: February 9, 2026

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## RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Assistant Fire Chief Graham Wing be authorized to attend the 2026, Fire Department Instructor Conference (FDIC) being held in Indianapolis, Indiana, April 20 to 25, 2026.

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## 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 Fire Department Instructors Conference is the leading firefighter instructor conference in North America. In 2025 over 37,000 fire industry professionals from over fifty countries, attended this conference. The conference includes a week of classroom and field training sessions hosted by many of the most influential fire instructors in North America. The conference also boasts one of the largest manufacturers trade shows in North America with over 800 exhibitors displays.

The conference provides an incredible opportunity to learn from some of the most sought-after fire educators today, and provides a chance to network with them, and thousands of other fire service instructors.

The trade shows offer participants the opportunity to compare and discuss specific fire department equipment and apparatus from different manufacturers and supplies under one roof.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

The total cost to attend the conference including registration, transportation, accommodation and per diem is approximately \$5,200.00 and is provided for within the Fire budget.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Deny the request to attend the 2026, Fire Department Instructor Conference (FDIC) being held in Indianapolis, Indiana,

Respectfully Submitted,



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Scott Kennedy  
Fire Chief

Attachment: FDIC 2026 Event Brochure

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:**

I support the recommendation.



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Francis Cheung, P. Eng.  
Chief Administrative Officer