



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor Schaffer and Councillors**

Subject Approval for out of Province Travel – Fire
Department Instructor's Conference

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From: Rory Thompson, Fire Chief

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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Assistant Chief Scott Kennedy be authorized to attend the Fire Department Instructor's Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana April 23-28, 2018.

PURPOSE:

To seek approval for out of province travel.

POLICY:

Council Policy GE-10, Section 5.2 – Travel and Expense Policy states: Council must approve attendance of an Organization Member at an Event outside of the Province of British Columbia.

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

The Fire Department Instructor's Conference (FDIC) in Indianapolis is considered to be the premiere fire training officer's conference in the world. The conference has run for 90 years. There are literally hundreds of classroom sessions, intense Hands-On-Training (H.O.T.) evolutions and workshops. The exhibition hall features more than 1000 companies.

The focus of the conference is to transfer new skills and knowledge to fire department chiefs, training officers and instructors. Conference sessions are presented both in a train-the-trainer format and in a stand-alone course format.

Many local fire departments regularly attend this conference to bring back new concepts and training course ideas to share with the BC fire service. The conference teaches industry best practices and showcases cutting edge emergency response techniques and protocols.

Having attended the Fire Department Instructor's Conference in 2010, I highly recommend our participation. There will be a substantial return on our investment by sending Captain Scott Kennedy. As a JIBC Fire & Safety Division Instructor, he has the skill sets to assimilate this training and produce locally developed training programs for our department.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

There is \$2500 allocated annually in the fire department conference budget to attend this training.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not attend the 2018 Fire Department Instructor's Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rory Thompson, Fire Chief

Attachment(s): Conference Interim pre-schedule

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



Francis Cheung, P. Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer