



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor Schaffer and Councillors**

Subject **Out of Province Conference Request – Fire Chief**

Report #: 18-34

From: Rory Thompson
Fire Chief

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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Rory Thompson, Fire Chief be authorized to attend the 2018 Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs Annual Conference (Fire-Rescue Canada 2018) in Ottawa, Ontario from September 16-19, 2018.

PURPOSE:

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 Association of Fire Chief's annual conference will be held in Ottawa from September 16-19, 2018. Training sessions include: Ammonia Leak Response for Small Communities; Gender Equality; Firefighter Health; Combustible Façade Risks in High Rise Buildings; Road to Mental Health; Fire Risk Reduction; Millennials & iGEN's; Fire Protection Water Supplies; Creating Inclusive Environments; Dangerous Goods Transportation; Cooking Fires; and Public Education.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Deny the request to attend the 2018 Canadian Association of Fire Chief's conference.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rory Thompson, Fire Chief

Attachment(s):

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



Francis Cheung, P. Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer