



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor Schaffer and Councillors**

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

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From: Rory Thompson
Fire Chief

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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Brian Godlonton, Deputy Fire Chief, be authorized to attend the 2018 Metro Fire Planners Conference in Fort Collins, Colorado from September 30 to October 4, 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 Metro Fire Planner's Conference annual conference will be held in Fort Collins, Colorado from September 30-October 4, 2018.

Rather than a typical conference with multiple speakers and power point presentations, this conference provides an opportunity for senior management and administrative planners from fire departments across Canada and the United States to discuss relevant issues in the fire service in a boardroom-like setting. The conference agenda is developed in the weeks leading to the meeting, with

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participating departments sending in their issues for discussion purposes. Topics typically range from human resources/staffing; operations; data/measurement; strategic planning/ accreditation; technology; community risk reduction/fire prevention; health and wellness; apparatus/equipment/stations; social media; training/education; government relations/civic engagement; and culture and diversity. Attendance is generally limited to between 40 and 50 to promote productive discussion.

The final agenda for the 2018 has not been finalized however the agenda for the 2017 conference is attached.

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 budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Deny the request to attend the 2018 Metro Fire Planners Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rory Thompson, Fire Chief

Attachment(s):

DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



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