

ITEM 16

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 45

COUNCIL MEETING July 12/71

16. Re: Annual Conventions - Conferences.

Council over the past years has approved the attendance of the Fire Chief to the International or the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs Annual Convention, and the Manager by his authority has also approved the attendance of the Deputy Fire Chief and Chief Fire Prevention Officer to the B.C. Fire Chiefs Annual College.

Since our Fire Department is recognized as one of the most progressive departments in B.C. in the field of fire prevention, we feel our representation to the B.C. Fire College is of particular importance in view of our experience in having been the leader in adopting and amending the National Fire Code of Canada as a municipal bylaw, and Chief Chapman's contribution to the College in this regard is of considerable interest and importance to many other departments.

Not only do we derive considerable information from these conferences, but as an active member of the Educational Committee of the B.C. Fire Chiefs Association we expect considerable debate on the recommendations the Committee has submitted.

Both the Canadian and B.C. Conferences are well attended with most delegates taking a keen interest in the proceedings, and in the case of the B.C. College particularly, as our Department is the second largest in B.C. we feel it imperative we be represented.

Normally the Chief of the Department would attend the Canadian conference, however, as he is nearing retirement age, he has suggested that Chief Collum's attendance would be both advantageous and appropriate at this time. The matter of attendance at the B.C. Conference does not need Council approval but because of the change in our approach as to who will attend the Canadian Convention, the whole subject is being presented for this year so as to give the total picture.

The Manager recommends that permission be granted for Deputy Chief W.F. Collum to attend the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs Annual Convention to be held in Calgary, August 22 - 27 inclusive at an estimated cost of \$285.00; and for Chief Fire Prevention Officer H. Chapman and Fire Chief Auvache to attend the B.C. Fire Chiefs Annual College to be held at Powell River, B.C., August 17 - 20 inclusive at an estimated cost of \$171.00 each.