

26. Re: Attendance of Fire Inspector (H.O. Hogan) and Assistant Fire Prevention Officer (S.B. Wilson), Canadian Fire Investigation School (Western Division), Banff, Alberta -- September 29 to October 6, 1971.

This arson course is only held in Western Canada every second year. Each Province is allowed 6 candidates, chosen by the Provincial Fire Marshal. We were privileged this year to have two candidates chosen as I understand the City of Victoria was not sending any members. We were not advised of this fact until Thursday of last week so we were not able to refer this request to Council until now.

This can be included within the total training budget.

The last time we were permitted to send a representative was in 1966.

Deputy Chief Collum has recommended that both men be permitted to attend.

Since they had to catch the train at 6:00 p.m. tonight, the Manager has authorized their attendance.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT both Fire Inspector Hogan and Assistant Fire Prevention Officer Wilson be permitted to attend this course this year; and THAT the action of the Manager in this instance be ratified.