MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 51
COUNCIL MEETING July 22/74

Re: Requests for Approval to Attend Conferences

1. Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs

2. Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police

Following are requests for approval to have the Fire Chief and the Superintendent, Officer in Charge, Burnaby Detachment, R.C.M.P. attend annual conferences in August 1974.

A. Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs
Winnipeg, Manitoba
August 25-30

The Association is the official organization of municipal and industrial fire fighting services in Canada.

The Association at its annual conventions sponsors a number of seminars, workshops and films relating to administration, training, fire prevention, public education, discussion on and demonstration of new fire fighting techniques and equipment and related subjects that are designed to contribute to the overall effectiveness of personnel who are responsible for the administration of fire departments. Selected topics this year include proper fire fighting techniques for high rise fires, industrial fire hazards, fire prevention bureaus and modern fire department communication systems.

Council in previous years has authorized Fire Chiefs to attend International or Canadian Association conventions. The present Chief attended the Canadian Associations' annual convention in 1971, 1972 and 1973.

The total estimated cost of attending the subject convention is \$443.00.

B. Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Winnipeg, Manitoba August 26-30

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police is a highly respected organization of some years standing. Chief Constables of most of the well-organized police departments in the Country are members of the Association. The organization is committed to the research and study of various police problems and the law. The Association sponsors annual meetings at which time definite recommendations are made to the government with respect to problems that concern the police and the law. The Association also maintains standing committees that deal with various continuing problems.

In the opinion of the Officer in Charge, which is shared by the Municipal Manager, there is considerable merit in having the Officer in Charge of the Burnaby Detachment meet with Chiefs of other Canadian police departments for the purpose of exploring and discussing matters of mutual concern.

A very special reason for the Superintendent's participation at this particular conference is to be present at the ceremony in which five of his staff will receive the Canadian Bankers' Association Law Enforcement Award for their courageous efforts in apprehending persons involved in a kidnapping and armed robbery at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Lougheed Mall, Burnaby (Mayor's report to Council on June 20, 1974).

The total estimated cost of attending the subject convention is \$421.00.

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C. Anticipated Overexpenditure in the Conference Account

Originally it was proposed by the Municipal Manager that no out of the Province conferences would be authorized this year and, therefore, the Annual Budget was set at \$2,500 rather than the amount in the Provisional Budget which was \$7,500.

In summary, we now feel that these two protective service Departments should be given authority to attend their respective National conferences and that we cut the Budget too tightly. The necessary funds would in essence be taken from the \$100,000 Contingency Account in the Budget. The actual costing will be reflected in the appropriate account at Recast Budget time. For the information of Council, we do not expect to advance any further requests for approval to have employees attend conferences outside the Province of British Columbia this year.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Fire Chief be authorized to attend the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs' Annual Convention in Winnipeg, Manitoba from August 26 through August 30, 1974; and

THAT the Superintendent, Officer in Charge, Burnaby Detachment, R.C.M.P., be authorized to attend the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Convention in Winnipeg, Manitoba from August 26 through August 30, 1974; and

THAT any overexpenditure of the Conference Account be financed from the Contingency Account until the Recast Budget is set.