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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	11
COUNCIL MEETING	91/02/18

Re: DISASTER MANAGEMENT - NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Purpose: To obtain Council's approval to have the Superintendent, RCMP, Burnaby Detachment, attend the Disaster Management Conference in Hamilton, Ontario on 1991 April 16-19.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Superintendent, RCMP, Burnaby Detachment, be authorized to attend the Disaster Management Conference in Hamilton, Ontario on 1991 April 16-19.

REPORT

In the event of a disaster such as an earthquake in which a major response would be required by the Municipality, our Police Chief, Superintendent B. Beaudreau, would be responsible for directing the overall mobilization and deployment of resources. It is in his capacity as an incident commander that permission is requested for him to attend the Disaster Management Conference in Hamilton, Ontario, on 1991 April 16-19.

This Conference provides an excellent forum for the Superintendent to network with counterparts from other cities of Canada and to gain current knowledge on a response to an emergency including:

- Analysis planning and exercising that leads to the formulation of a good emergency response.
- Firsthand information on how to deal with the problems of a major evacuation.
- Learning how computers can assist in the most difficult areas of disaster management.
- How the military is able and willing to respond with aid to civil authorities during a major emergency.
- Urban Search and Rescue (extrication of victims).
- Response to environmental emergencies.
- Crisis management vis-a-vis public safety.
- A look at how the media can influence decision making during a disaster.

The Conference will also feature exhibits and demonstrations.

The total estimated cost for attendance by the Superintendent is \$2,425. Funds covering this expenditure are available in the Operating Budget.

This report is submitted in accordance with the policy that requires Council's approval for attendance by staff at conferences when the cost exceeds \$1,500 (the Municipal Manager and Directors have authority to approve requests that do not exceed that amount).