

**TO:** CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 1996 MARCH 19

**FROM:** DEPUTY CITY MANAGER  
CORPORATE LABOUR RELATIONS

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FUNDS  
FOR SITE VISIT TO CITY OF EDMONTON

**PURPOSE:** To seek Council's approval for Dr. J. Skosnik to visit the City of Edmonton's Fire Dispatch Centre.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** Council approve the costs for Dr. J. Skosnik, B.C.I.T. Computer Sciences, for a one-day site visit to the City of Edmonton's Fire Dispatch Centre as outlined in this report.

**REPORT**

During the 1995 November 20 Regular Council Meeting, approval was given for the funding and tendering of a Computer Aided Fire Dispatch System.

Staff are currently examining two proposals from companies that have Computer Aided Fire Dispatch Systems in Fire Departments that are comparable in size to the Burnaby Fire Department.

Councillor J. Young, Council Liaison to the Fire Department and staff observed one of the proposals in operation during a site visit to the City of Saskatoon in May of 1995. A one-day visit to the City of Edmonton's Fire Dispatch Centre is scheduled for 1996 March 26 in order to view and collect operational information on the other proposed system.

The purpose of this report is to have Council approve the expenditure of funds to cover the costs of transportation for Dr. J. Skosnik of the British Columbia Institute of Technology. Dr. Skosnik has been assisting staff on the evaluation of the two proposed Computer Aided Fire Dispatch Systems. It would be most beneficial to have Dr. Skosnik participate in the visit to the City of Edmonton's Computer Aided Fire Dispatch System. The costs for transportation for Dr. Skosnik will be under \$200.

It is expected that a report will be on the 1996 April 15 Regular Council Agenda with a recommendation for awarding a contract for a Computer Aided Fire Dispatch System.

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