

TO: CITY MANAGER 2004 June 14
FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE File: 8900 01
SUBJECT: EXTERNAL TRAINING AND CONFERENCE AUTHORIZATION
PURPOSE: To request Council approval for training and conference expenditures.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council approve expenditures not to exceed \$3,200 Cdn for the Senior Internal Auditor to attend the North America Network Security conference in September 2004.

REPORT

The complexity and technical nature of information systems dictates an ongoing need to keep up to date and reinforce skills in many disciplines, including internal audit.

The *Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA)* is conducting a series of courses in conjunction with the North America Network Security conference. The conference sessions include the following topics:

- Application Security
- Identity management
- Computer security and privacy regulations
- Wireless technology security
- Essential of an effective information security program
- Tools for auditors to evaluate information security
- A practical approach to building security architecture
- Understanding and auditing routers and firewalls
- Virtual Private Network concepts and solutions

The City and our audit department will accrue significant benefit from the knowledge gained at the conference. The registration fee is \$1,095 U.S. and with airfare and accommodation costs it is estimated that the total for the three day conference will not exceed \$3,200Cdn. Council approval is required for staff training and conference expenditures that are estimated to be in excess of \$2,500.


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