



Report to Council From the Office of Mayor Meghan Lahti

Date: December 12, 2022
Subject: Request to attend the 2023 Convention of the BC Council of Forest Industries (COFI)

Purpose

To provide the Mayor with the opportunity and authorization to attend the 2023 Convention of the BC Council of Forest Industries (COFI) in Prince George, BC April 12 to 14, 2023

Recommendation

THAT Mayor Meghan Lahti be authorized to attend the 2023 Convention of the BC Council of Forest Industries (COFI) in Prince George April 12 to 14;

AND THAT the funding of up to \$2,162.00 be allocated from Council Contingency fund.

Background

Council is approved and budgeted to attend 3 Conferences a year, UBCM, LMLGA and FCM, anything above and beyond these conferences must be approved by Council.

The BC Council of Forest Industries' Annual Convention is the largest gathering of the forest sector in western Canada. We look forward to gathering with industry, Indigenous, government, community and labour leaders in Vancouver to hear from compelling speakers and discuss key issues and opportunities facing B.C.'s forest industry.

Discussion

On December 2, 2022 the Mayor's office received an email from President & CEO of the BC Council of Forest Industries, which offers the Mayor a complimentary registration to the 2023 COFI in Prince George and one night free hotel.

I believe that attending this convention will provide value for me in terms of understanding the sector as it relates to the mass timber industry.

Other Option

THAT the report dated December 12, 2022 from Mayor Meghan Lahti regarding Request to attend the 2023 Convention of the BC Council of Forest Industries (COFI) be received for information.

Financial Implications

As Council is approved and budgeted to attend 3 Conferences a year, UBCM, LMLGA and FCM, I am seeking Council's approval to attend the 2023 COFI, with the funding source coming out of Council's Contingency fund. While savings will be made where possible, the costs that could be associated in attending will be as follows:

Flight from Vancouver to Prince George	\$450.00
Parking at Airport	\$100.00
Car Rental and Gas	\$400.00
Per Diem and Incidentals	\$560.00
Mileage to Airport	\$52.00
Hotel	\$600.00
Total	\$2162.00

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

There are no Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives related to this report.