

## **AUTHORIZATION FROM COUNCIL TO COVER EXPENSES OF PROSPECTIVE FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES DIRECTORS**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To provide authorization to cover the expenses of prospective Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Directors.

### **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION**

That Council agrees that should The City of Calgary's Representative to FCM be elected to the FCM Board of Directors, Council is prepared to meet all reasonable costs of attendance at meetings of the FCM National Board of Directors; such costs to be charged to Corporate Costs.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY**

At the 2013 November 04 Organizational Meeting of Council, Council adopted the City Clerk's Recommendation contained in Report M2013-0658, as follows:

"That Council hereby agrees that should its representative to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be elected to the FCM Board of Directors, Council is prepared to meet all reasonable costs of attendance at meetings of the FCM National Board of Directors; such costs to be charged to Corporate Costs".

### **BACKGROUND**

As per FCM's Bylaw No. 1, adopted on 2013 June 02, the objectives of FCM are as follows:

- (a) To represent the national interests of local governments in Canada and to act as the spokesperson for Canadian cities, towns and municipal authorities on all such matters as are properly within the jurisdiction of the Government of Canada;
- (b) To carry out, or cause to be carried out, such research activities as will assist in the betterment and higher degree of efficiency of local government in Canada;
- (c) To act as a clearing house for the collection, exchange and dissemination of statistical data and general information on all manners of municipal practices and procedures; and
- (d) To undertake such activities on its own or in concert with others as may be in the interest of local government in Canada.

The Board of Directors administers the business and affairs of FCM. Only elected municipal officials are eligible to be Directors. As per section 4.12 of Bylaw No. 1, there shall be seven Directors representing Alberta, one of whom shall be appointed by The City of Calgary.

### **INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS**

Council appoints a representative to FCM annually at the Organizational Meeting of Council. In accordance with the Council Policy on *Council to Cover Expenses of Prospective FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) Directors (CC008)*, should The City of Calgary's Representative to FCM be elected to the FCM Board of Directors, Council is prepared to meet all reasonable costs of attendance at meetings of the FCM National Board of Directors. Any

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such costs are to be charged to Corporate Costs. FCM requires a resolution from Council each year confirming that these costs will be covered by The City of Calgary.

### **Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication**

In preparation of this report, the City Clerk's Office reviewed the Council Policy on *Council to Cover Expenses of Prospective FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) Directors (CC008)* and FCM's Bylaw No. 1.

### **Strategic Alignment**

The development of governance practices that allow for open and transparent decision-making are supported by Legislative Services through the management of Council's public advisory boards in an effective and efficient manner (Corporate Administration Strategy 3Z1.2).

### **Social, Environmental, Economic (External)**

There are no social, environmental, or external economic implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

### **Financial Capacity**

#### **Current and Future Operating Budget:**

Reasonable costs of attendance at meetings of the FCM National Board of Directors.

#### **Current and Future Capital Budget:**

There are no current and future capital budget impacts as a result of this report.

### **Risk Assessment**

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

### **REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities requires a resolution from Council each year confirming that costs associated with meeting attendance will be covered by The City of Calgary.

### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

None.