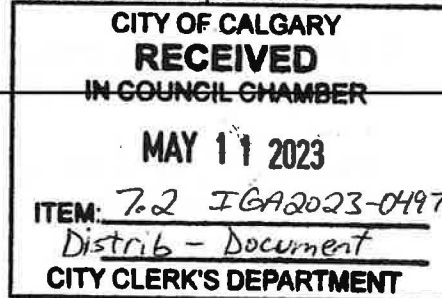


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Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) Committee, 2023 May 10

Recommendation

That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee receive this report and distribution for the Corporate Record.



Upcoming Events

Annual Conference Information

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference and Trade Show will take place in Toronto, from May 25-28. For Members of Council, the conference is an opportunity to:

- build and foster relationships with peers from across Canada;
- participate in workshops and other discussions on pressing municipal issues; and
- engage with federal leaders on City of Calgary and shared municipal priorities.

Much of the formal and informal discussion can be expected to focus on FCM's current priorities. FCM's response to the recent federal budget, for instance, included the following appeals to Ottawa:

- Ensure municipalities are included in conversations about federal investments in **mental health and addiction services**.
- Additional investment in critical programs addressing **housing and chronic homelessness**.
- Predictable, long-term funding for critical infrastructure that will protect communities from the impacts of **climate change**.
- Acknowledge the **limitations of municipal finance** and the need to ensure Canada's municipalities can thrive and provide the kind of support an increasing population will require.

Delegates to the conference will have an opportunity to learn about and discuss these and other issues in several forums, including:

- **Political Keynotes** that generally draw participation from the Prime Minister and leaders of the opposition parties.
- **Workshops**, which may involve a panel discussion and generally include a participatory portion on a range of topics. Some highlights this year include:
 - o “Your equity journey,” reflections on local communities’ efforts to tackle the challenge of becoming more diverse and equitable (May 25).
 - o “How to build great public spaces and facilities,” where participants will discuss what it takes to create impactful and sustainable public spaces that foster a stronger sense of community (May 26).
 - o “Finding home,” an opportunity to engage with housing experts and federal and municipal leadership on the next generation of housing in Canada (May 27).
 - o “From National Adaptation Strategy to local climate resilience,” where participants will make sense of the federal government’s strategy and the funding and supports for municipalities (May 27).
- **The Annual General Meeting** (May 28), which includes:
 - o Voting on resolutions that will guide FCM’s advocacy in the coming months and years. The resolutions have yet to be made public, and it’s anticipated that they’ll expand on FCM’s existing priorities (e.g. housing, climate)
 - o Voting for and ratification of the 2023-2024 FCM Board of Directors. The City of Calgary’s seat is guaranteed on the Board, and elected officials have the chance to hear from the candidates running for open Board seats and seeking to influence FCM direction.
- The Prairies and Territories **Regional Caucus Meeting**, where delegates can discuss FCM’s priorities through a regional lens (May 25).
- **Informal networking** opportunities throughout the conference, including different receptions at the end of each working day.
- **The Big City Mayors’ Caucus** (BCMC) will take place alongside the conference (May 25). The agenda is to be confirmed and will allow the mayors of Canada’s biggest cities to engage directly with Cabinet Ministers and other federal leaders.