

Background and Previous Council Direction

Background

Council annually adopts a resolution confirming that Council will cover the costs associated with its representative's attendance at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities ("FCM") National Board of Directors meetings. The FCM's board election regulations require written confirmation and a Council resolution confirming these costs will be covered by the Member Municipality that each director represents.

Previous Council Direction

At its 2023 October 24 Organizational Meeting, Council adopted a motion to agree to cover all reasonable costs incurred in accordance with the Councillors' Budgets and Expenses Bylaw 36M2021, of attendance at meetings of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities National Board of Directors for its Member of Council Representative to the Board of Directors; with such costs to be charged to Corporate Costs.

Bylaws, Regulations, Council Policies

Bylaw No. 1 of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Section 3.04 of Bylaw No.1 provides:

- 3.04 **Elected Directors.** The nomination of the elected Directors shall take place in accordance with the following process:
- (i) Directors Representing Alberta. There shall be seven (7) Directors representing Alberta, consisting of: one (1) nominee selected by each of the Affiliate Members (Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties): one (1) nominee selected by the City of Calgary; one (1) nominee selected by the City of Edmonton; nominees selected by the Accredited Representatives of its Municipal Members, provided that one (1) of the nominees shall hold municipal office in a Municipal Member recognized as rural (counties, municipal districts and certain specialized municipalities) and the remaining two (2) nominees shall hold municipal office in a Municipal Member, other than Calgary or Edmonton, that is recognized as urban (cities, towns, villages and certain specialized municipalities). Persons seeking to be nominated as a Director from a specialized municipality shall be permitted to seek nomination either for the urban or rural Director position, but not both.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities Elections Procedure Policy

2.0 ELIGIBILITY TO SEEK ELECTION

In addition to the requirements of the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, each person seeking election to the FCM Board of Directors shall:

- a) be an elected municipal official;

- b) have the written approval of their Municipal or Affiliate Member to participate on FCM's Board of Directors, confirming that the Municipal or Affiliate Member will cover any costs related to the candidate's participation in FCM meetings (if elected). The candidate will submit
- a signed consent form (provided by FCM, available on our website), and
 - an official copy of a resolution endorsed by the Municipal Member or letter of endorsement in the case of an Affiliate Member; and
- c) be able to fulfill their fiduciary duties, act in the highest ethical standards and understand and adhere to FCM's Code of Ethical Conduct and Harassment Policy, which are set forth as appendix "A" of the Bylaws.

Councillors' Budgets and Expenses Bylaw 36M2021

Section 3.1(d) of Schedule "A" provides Council with the following direction on "reasonable expenses"

3.1. In this policy:

- d. "Reasonable expense" means an expense that demonstrates prudence, good judgement, moderation, and is defensible to an impartial observer or citizen of Calgary;