

BRIEFING NOTES FOR COUNCILLOR MAGLIOCCA (FCM REPRESENTATIVE)

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Thursday, April 19, 9:30 – 12:00

LEGAL TRADITIONS COMMITTEE ROOM

6.2 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (Verbal) IGA2018-0370

A) Update on City of Calgary resolution re Canada's Drug Treatment Court Program

As you will recall, at its last meeting, the FCM Board approved a City of Calgary Resolution calling on the federal government to extend support for Canada's Drug Treatment Court Program. In response, FCM sent a letter from Jenny Gerbasi to the federal Minister of Justice, The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould. Among other things, the letter urges the government to provide improved funding for the program, and offers FCM's ongoing support to improve the program.

B) City of Calgary Participation in the FCM "Diverse Voices for Change" program

As you may be aware, the attached Notice of Motion on gender equity and diversity, approved July 13, 2017 and sponsored by Cllr. Carra directs that Council put in a formal request to FCM that Calgary be a participating municipality in FCM's Diverse Voices for Change program. This program, provided funding to five participating cities to explore initiatives to increase the number of women from diverse communities who are actively informed by, and engaged in, local government decision-making.

The Diverse Voices program was a pilot initiative however and is set to be completed shortly. Instead, City of Calgary staff have been working with colleagues in FCM to identify other means to deliver on Council's direction, including the possibility of participation in the FCM's recently announced "Getting to Parity" project. This national project, funded by Status of Women Canada, intends to work with municipalities to create a municipal sector strategy for gender equity.

This anticipated work by FCM aligns well with the recommendations Administration will be bringing forward to SPC on CPS on May 2nd as part of its scoping report based on the gender equity and diversity Notice of Motion. Recommendations will include development of a comprehensive gender equity and diversity strategy for The City. Administration is keen to further explore the potential for linkages and learning between this proposed strategy and FCM's Getting to Parity project. Should you wish to learn more about this initiative and any potential role for yourself as The City's representative on the FCM Board, a meeting with staff working on this project can be arranged at your convenience.



C) **Update re City of Calgary application to FCM Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program**

In June, 2017, the City of Calgary and several regional partners submitted an application to FCM's Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program requesting \$1 million to help fund installation of a regional network of Fast Charging Stations for Electric Vehicles. This project is a part of The City's broader Electric Vehicle Strategy that will come forward for Council review in the summer of 2018.

We understand that the project has passed the hurdle of review by FCM administration, and has been recommended for approval by FCM staff. Final decisions will be made by the FCM executive (e.g. President, CEO) later this month. We will provide an update as soon as it is available.

D) **Other FCM Research and Advocacy**

Municipal Guide to Cannabis Legalization:

FCM recently published its Municipal Guide to Cannabis Legalization, intended as a roadmap to help municipalities navigate this complex policy landscape, including advice on land-use, licencing and public consumption.

The guide is intended as a resource primarily for smaller municipalities. As you know, The City of Calgary has already developed an approach to most of these questions. Given the sophistication of The City's response, City officials played an important role advising FCM in the development of the guide, and are recognized as such in its acknowledgements.

E) **FCM Meetings**

The next FCM Board of Directors Meeting will be in September in Annapolis Nova Scotia. In the meantime, the annual conference and general meeting takes place in Halifax from May 31-June 3.

