

BRIEFING NOTES FOR COUNCILLOR MAGLIOCCA (FCM REPRESENTATIVE)

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Thursday, May 17, 9:30 a.m.

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A) FCM Meetings

The next FCM Board of Directors Meeting will be in September in Annapolis, Nova Scotia.

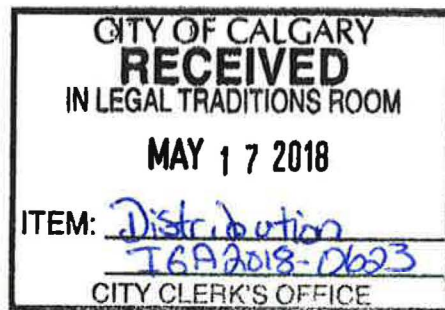
In the meantime, the annual conference and general meeting takes place in Halifax from May 31-June 3. The theme of this year's conference is "Tools for Tomorrow's Canada." We expect that FCM will use the conference as a key opportunity to highlight its achievements over the past three years, and showcase the municipal capacity that has grown from those achievements. We also expect that the conference will be used to plant the seeds for what will become its narrative or strategy for the 2019 federal election. Based on past FCM direction and the conference theme, this might include calls for new fiscal tools or more formal mechanisms for federal-provincial-municipal dialogue.

Intergovernmental & Corporate Strategy will be holding an information session for Councillors attending the Halifax Conference on May 29.

B) Other FCM Research and Advocacy

Letter to Provincial/Territorial Finance Ministers re Cannabis Revenues

The Big City Mayors' Caucus Chair Don Iveson (Edmonton) sent a letter to all Provincial and Territorial Finance Ministers reiterating FCM's position that municipalities be "made whole" with a fair share of cannabis excise tax revenue. A copy of the letter, which largely mirrors The City's own advocacy position, was distributed to Members of Council on May 9.



New Details of National Housing Strategy

The Government of Canada announced further details of the National Housing Strategy earlier this month. The National Housing Co-Investment Fund is a \$13.2 billion commitment consisting of \$4.52 billion in grants and \$8.65 billion in low interest loans. Although it is federally designed and delivered, it is meant to put tools directly in local hands — including local governments and affordable housing providers.

Despite the new information, there is still a lack of clarity on how the Fund will work “on the ground.” FCM has pledged to continue its work with the federal government to shape how the National Housing Co-Investment Fund will work on the ground. For instance, it believes it will be vital to engage municipal expertise in assessing and prioritizing high-impact housing projects that reflect local needs. In the meantime, FCM has provided some key messages for further advocacy (available on request).

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.

On May 1, FCM awarded \$750,000 for the project. As a result, The City and its regional partners are going to be issuing an RFP before the summer to begin construction of the network, and continue to advocate for matching funding from the province for construction of the entire network.

