

6.2 Federation of Canadian Municipalities - IGA2019-0077

A) FCM events/meetings

March 2019 Board Meeting

The FCM Board will meet in Penticton, BC, from March 12-15 2019. Highlights are expected to include:

- Meeting of the Election Readiness Working Group, where members will have opportunity to discuss implementation of the FCM's strategy for the 2019 federal election
- Meetings of the FCM's Standing Committees, where policy direction and resolutions for federal advocacy will be considered for recommendation to the Board as a whole.
- A meeting of the Board as a whole where resolutions for advocacy will be considered for approval and/or recommendation for discussion at the Annual Conference in May/June

2019 Annual Conference and Trade Show

The 2019 Annual Conference and Trade Show will take place in Quebec City from May 30 to June 2, 2019. As with past conferences, the Quebec City event is expected to include dozens of workshops, study tours and keynote speeches from Canada's federal political leaders. Taking place on the eve of the federal election, this event provides an important opportunity for members to network with peers, sharpen community-building tools, and "be part of the incredible municipal momentum that's shaping this country."

Online registration is expected to open in Mid-January. Intergovernmental & Corporate Strategy will forward more information to Council as it becomes available.

B) Recent Council Direction re FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show

As you will recall, on December 17, 2018, Council directed that "all members of Council make a concerted effort to attend Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) in May 2019 to underscore the importance of the Canadian energy sector in driving our economy, through an information and advocacy evening to be hosted in partnership with other interested municipalities, Calgary Economic Development (CED) and industry members."

Intergovernmental & Corporate Strategy has consulted with to FCM to explore options and potential for an advocacy evening at the forthcoming conference, and has begun to reach out to other municipalities (and municipal associations) to identify potential municipal partners, and to CED to identify industry partners and develop an advocacy strategy for the event in Quebec City. ICS will also be working closely with Councillor Magliocca as Council's representative to the FCM Board, and reaching out to other members of Council for input.

As the details of the event become more concrete, ICS will also provide necessary policy and communications support to any Members of Council attending the Conference in May/June.

C) Recent FCM Policy and Advocacy Activity

In late December, 2018, FCM released its recommendations for Budget 2019 entitled, "A Critical Time to Deliver for Canadians" (see ATT 1). Developed in consultation with municipalities, including The City of Calgary, the recommendations include the following

- To modernize the federal-municipal partnership to "get more done," the recommendations call for a new intergovernmental forum where "we'll work together as full partners to tackle key national challenges." FCM is looking to the budget to build on the commitment to explore such a forum made by Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Dominic LeBlanc) at the November Board meeting. At present, it is not clear what kind of a forum the Government of Canada is willing to contemplate, but it will face some challenge as certain provinces are reluctant to see the federal government formalize the relationship with municipalities.
- In addition to this new forum, the FCM recommendations call for the Government to look beyond the current 10-year federal infrastructure and housing investments, and commit to
 - o a "bold national plan" to connect all Canadians with reliable Internet;
 - o a permanent federal funding mechanism for public transit; and
 - o an expansion to the existing Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund.

