



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: City Clerk

SUBJECT: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) Membership Fees for 2014 to 2015

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT grants to the following organizations for the 2014 to 2015 membership fees be approved; the source of funds from the 2014 Operating Budget:
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| (a) | Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) | \$82,884.07 |
| (b) | Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) | \$50,375.05 |
| (c) | Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) | \$ 3,000.00 * |
- (* estimate)
- B. THAT a grant to the FCM be approved in the amount of \$10,561.29 representing an optional contribution to "BC's Travel Fund", to support the participation of elected officials from small communities on FCM's National Board of Directors.

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a grant to support the renewal of 2014 - 2015 memberships to FCM, UBCM and LMLGA.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Section 206(1)(i) of the Vancouver Charter states that Council may approve, by resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of all its members, financial grants to any association comprised of municipalities to which Council deems it is in the interest of the City to belong or to assist.

Approval of grants requires eight affirmative votes.

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager submits the foregoing for CONSIDERATION.

REPORT

Background/Context

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has been the national voice of municipal government since 1901. With close to 2,000 members, FCM represents the interests of and advocates for municipalities on policies and programs that fall within federal jurisdiction. Membership includes Canada's largest cities, small urban and rural communities, and 21 provincial and territorial municipal associations.

The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) is an organization that has served and represented the interests of local governments in BC since 1905.

The Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) is the largest area association in the province, and it is one of five area associations working closely with the UBCM to service local governments.

Strategic Analysis

The report seeks Council's consideration for a grant to support the payment of FCM, UBCM and LMLGA invoices to the City for 2014 - 2015 membership fees. These fees are as follows:

- (a) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
(April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015)

2014 to 2015 Membership Fee	\$ 82,884.07
2014 to 2015 Optional Contribution - BC's Travel Fund	\$ 10,561.29

This represents an increase of \$1,634.45 (approximately 2.01%) over last year's membership fee. The membership fee includes a base fee of \$325 plus per capita fees of \$82,559.07, calculated based on a 2011 census population of 603,502 @ \$0.1368 per head.

In addition to the annual membership, each year the FCM also requests an optional contribution to support the participation of elected officials from small communities on FCM's National Board of Directors. The optional contribution for 2014 - 2015 is calculated based on a population of 603,502 @ \$0.0175. The optional contribution rate of \$0.0175 has remained constant for the last six years.

(b) Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)
(January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015)

2014 Membership Fee	\$50,375.05
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The fee is based on a calculation using the population estimates of 640,915 (Dec 2013 release) provided by BC STATS, the central statistical agency of the Province of British Columbia.

(c) Lower Mainland Local Government Association
(April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015)

2014 to 2015 Membership Fees	\$3,000.00 *
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* The membership invoice is forthcoming therefore the requested grant amount is an approximate estimate of the fees. There is an anticipated increase of 10% in LMLGA fees from last year for the 2014 to 2015 term. In 2011, the LMLGA Executive voted in favour of a 10% increase to membership fees each year for the next five years (2011 to 2015) to support the growth of LMLGA operation. The actual fee paid will be based upon the invoice amount received.

Implications/Related Issues/Risk (if applicable)

Financial

The 2014 to 2015 membership fees for the following organizations, as well as a grant to the FCM's Optional Contribution - BC's Travel Fund in the amount of \$10,561.29 are requested with source of funding being in the 2014 Operating Budget:

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)	\$ 82,884.07
FCM Optional Contribution - BC's Travel Fund	\$ 10,561.29
Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)	\$ 50,375.05
Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA)	\$ 3,000.00 *

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CONCLUSION

The report seeks Council's consideration of a grant to support the renewal of 2014 to 2015 memberships to FCM, UBCM and LMLGA.

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