



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Deputy City Clerk
SUBJECT: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) Membership Fees for 2016 to 2017

RECOMMENDATION

THAT grants to the following organizations for the 2016 to 2017 membership fees be approved; the source of funds from the 2016 Operating Budget:

(a)	Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)	\$86,339.04
(b)	Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)	\$52,096.39
(c)	Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA)	\$ 3,500.00 *
	(* approximate)	

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider grants to support the renewal of 2016 to 2017 memberships to FCM, UBCM and LMLGA.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Section 206(1)(i) of the Vancouver Charter states that Council may, by resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of all its members, approve the money 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 advocating 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 grants to support the payment of FCM, UBCM and LMLGA invoices to the City for 2016 to 2017 membership fees. These fees are as follows:

- (a) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
(April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017)

2016 to 2017 Membership Fee	\$ 86,339.04
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This represents an increase of \$1,699.81 (approximately 2.00%) over last year's membership fee. The membership fee includes a base fee of \$330 plus per capita fees of \$85,999.04, calculated based on a 2011 census population of 603,502 @ \$0.1425 per head.

- (b) Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)
(January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016)

2016 Membership Fee	\$52,096.39
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The fee is based on a calculation using the population estimates of 648,608 (Dec 2015 release) provided by BC STATS, the central statistical agency of the Province of British Columbia.

(c) Lower Mainland Local Government Association
(April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017)

2016 to 2017 Membership Fees \$3,500.00*

* The membership invoice is forthcoming therefore the requested grant amount is an approximate estimate of the fees. There is a minimal increase in LMLGA fees from last year for the 2016 to 2017 term. The actual fee paid will be based upon the invoice amount received.

Implications/Related Issues/Risk (if applicable)

Financial

The 2016 to 2017 membership fees for the following organizations are requested, the source of funding being the 2016 Operating Budget:

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Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)	\$ 52,096.39
Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA)	\$ 3,500.00*

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CONCLUSION

The report seeks Council's consideration of grants to support the renewal of 2016 to 2017 memberships to FCM, UBCM and LMLGA.

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