



CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Mayor's Office
SUBJECT: FCM Big City Mayors' Caucus - Sponsorship of the Welcome Reception

CONSIDERATION

THAT Council approve funding in the amount up to \$6,000 to sponsor the Welcome Reception of the FCM Big City Mayors' Caucus being held at the Pan Pacific Hotel on November 24, 2005. The sponsorship funding is to be made available through the External Relations budget.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager submits this report for Council's consideration.

COUNCIL POLICY

There is no applicable Council Policy.

PURPOSE

To obtain approval from Council for the funding of the FCM Big City Mayors' Caucus Welcome Reception to be held on November 24, 2005.

BACKGROUND

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities is an association that represents the interests of every municipality and regional district in the country. The Big City Mayors' Caucus (BCMC), comprised of the mayors of Canada's 22 largest FCM member cities, meets approximately three times a year to discuss issues common to large urban areas and to bring an urban perspective to FCM's advocacy work on municipal issues. In recent years the FCM BCMC has been effective in discussions with the Federal Government resulting in new resources for all communities in Canada.

It is a long standing tradition that the host municipality sponsor the Welcome Reception. In the past, the City of Vancouver has provided funding for the BCMC welcome reception.

DISCUSSION

The FCM Big City Mayors' Caucus will be held in Vancouver on November 24 - 25, 2005.

The FCM has requested that the host city sponsor a welcome reception.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding would be made available through the 2005 External Relations Operating Budget.

CONCLUSION

Council is being asked to consider supporting the request.

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