



CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: City Clerk

SUBJECT: FCM, UBCM and LMMA Membership Fees for 2006-2007

CONSIDERATION

- A. THAT grants to the following organizations for the 2006-2007 membership fees be approved, the source of funds being the 2006 Operating Budget:
- (a) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM): \$61,760.82
 - (b) Union of British Columbia Municipalities: \$40,723.02
 - (c) Lower Mainland Municipal Association: \$1,000.
- B. THAT a grant to the FCM be approved in the amount of \$9,549.24, representing an optional contribution to "BC's Travel Fund", supporting the participation of elected officials from small communities in FCM's National Board of Directors.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager submits the foregoing for CONSIDERATION.

COUNCIL POLICY

Section 206 (i) of the Vancouver Charter provides that Council may, by resolution pass by not less than two-thirds of all its members, provide for the making of money grants to any association comprised of municipalities to which the Council deems it is in the interest of the City to belong, or assist.

Grants require eight affirmative votes.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The City Clerk seeks Council approval of grant monies for payment of FCM, UBCM and LMMA invoices to the City for 2006-2007 membership fees, as follows:

(a) FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES

Membership Fee (April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007) - \$61,760.82

This represents an increase of \$1,091.34 (1.8%) over last year. The additional cost is based on a population of 545,671 @ 11.3 cents per capita and a base fee of \$100.

The FCM also requests an optional contribution of 1.75 cents per capita to BC's Travel Fund, supporting the participation of elected officials from small communities in FCM's National Board of Directors. Vancouver's contribution would be \$9,549.24.

(b) UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES

2006 Membership Fee (January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006) - \$40,723.02

This represents an increase of \$766.55 (1.9%) over last year. UBCM dues are calculated using the population estimates of BC STATS, the central statistical agency of the Province of BC.

(c) LOWER MAINLAND MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

2006-2007 Membership Fees (April 1, 2005 - April 30, 2006) - \$1,000.00

There is no increase in LMMA fees anticipated for the 2006-2007 term. The LMMA is the largest area association in the province, and is one of five associations working closely with the UBCM to service local government.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2006-2007 membership fees for the following organizations, as well as a grant to FCM in the amount of \$9,549.24, representing an optional contribution to BC's Travel Fund, are requested; the source of funds being the 2006 Operating Budget:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM): \$61,760.82
- Union of British Columbia Municipalities: \$40,723.02
- Lower Mainland Municipal Association: \$1,000.

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