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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 - formerly LMMA) Membership Fees for 2008-2009

CONSIDERATION

- A. THAT grants to the following organizations for the 2008-2009 membership fees be approved, the source of funds being the 2008 Operating Budget:
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| (a) | Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) | \$68,308.84 |
| (b) | Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) | \$44,391.24 |
| (c) | Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) | \$ 1,000.00 |
- B. THAT a grant to the FCM be approved in the amount of \$10,115.72, representing an optional contribution to a 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(1)(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 LMLGA invoices to the City for 2008-2009 membership fees, as follows:

(a) Federation of Canadian Municipalities

2008-2009 Membership Fee (April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009) - \$68,308.84

This represents an increase of \$4,911.00 (7.2%) over last year. The additional cost is based on a population of 578,041 @ 11.80 cents per capita and a base fee of \$100.

The FCM also requests an optional contribution of 1.75 cents per capita to a travel fund that supports the participation of elected officials from small communities in FCM's National Board of Directors. Vancouver's contribution would be \$10,115.72.

(b) Union of British Columbia Municipalities

2008 Membership Fee (January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008) - \$44,391.24

This represents an increase of \$2197.20 (5%) over last year. UBCM dues are calculated using the population estimates, 613,240 (Dec 2007 release) provided by BC STATS, the central statistical agency of the Province of British Columbia.

(c) Lower Mainland Local Government Association

2008-2009 Membership Fees (April 1, 2008 - March 31, 2009) - \$1,000.00

There is no increase in LMLGA fees anticipated for the 2008-2009 term. The LMLGA 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 2008-2009 membership fees for the following organizations, as well as a grant to FCM in the amount of \$10,115.72, representing an optional contribution to a travel fund, are requested; the source of funds being the 2008 Operating Budget:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) \$68,308.84
- Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) \$44,391.24
- Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) \$ 1,000.00

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