



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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Meeting Date: March 1, 2011

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 2011-2012

CONSIDERATION

- A. THAT grants to the following organizations for the 2011-2012 membership fees be approved; the source of funds being the 2011 Operating Budget:
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| (a) | Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) | \$74,289.25 |
| (b) | Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) | \$47,285.57 |
| (c) | Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) | \$ 2,100.00. |
- B. THAT a grant to the FCM be approved in the amount of \$10,115.72, 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(1)(i) of the Vancouver Charter provides that Council may, by resolution passed 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.

Approval of grants requires 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 2011-2012 membership fees as follows:

(a) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

2011-2012 Membership Fee (April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012) \$74,289.25

This represents an increase of \$1,734.12 (2.4%) over last year. The membership fee includes a base fee of \$300 plus a per capita fee totalling to \$74,289.25, calculated based on a population of 578,041 @ \$0.128.

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 in FCM's National Board of Directors. The optional contribution is calculated at a rate of \$0.0175 per capita, which totals to \$10,115.72 for the 2011-2012 term.

(b) Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

2011 Membership Fee (January 01, 2011 - December 31, 2011) \$47,285.57

The fee represents an increase of \$1,942.52 based on a calculation using the population estimates of 644,214 (Dec 2010 release) provided by BC STATS, the central statistical agency of the Province of British Columbia.

(c) Lower Mainland Local Government Association

2010 - 2011 Membership Fees (April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012) \$ 2,100.00.

There is no increase in LMLGA fees anticipated for the 2011-2012 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 2011-2012 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 BC's Travel Fund, are requested; the source of funds being in the 2011 Operating Budget:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) \$74,289.25
- Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) \$47,285.57
- Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) \$ 2,100.00.

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