



## 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) Membership Fees for 2015 to 2016

### *RECOMMENDATION*

THAT grants to the following organizations for the 2015 to 2016 membership fees be approved; the source of funds from the 2015 Operating Budget:

(a)	Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)	\$84,639.23
(b)	Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)	\$50,839.77
(c)	Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA)	\$ 3,300.00 *
	(* approximate)	

### *REPORT SUMMARY*

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a grant to support the renewal of 2015 to 2016 memberships to FCM, UBCM and LMLGA.

### *COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS*

Section 206(1)(i) of the Vancouver Charter states that Council may, by resolution pass 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 a grant to support the payment of FCM, UBCM and LMLGA invoices to the City for 2015 to 2016 membership fees. These fees are as follows:

- (a) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
(April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016)

2015 to 2016 Membership Fee	\$ 84,639.23
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This represents an increase of \$1,755.16 (approximately 2.11%) over last year's membership fee. The membership fee includes a base fee of \$330 plus per capita fees of \$84,309.23, calculated based on a 2011 census population of 603,502 at \$0.1397 per head.

- (b) Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)  
(January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016)

2015 Membership Fee	\$50,839.77
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The fee is based on a calculation using the population estimates of 640,469 (December 2014 release) provided by BC STATS, the central statistical agency of the Province of British Columbia.

(c) Lower Mainland Local Government Association  
(April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016)

2015 to 2016 Membership Fees \$3,300.00\*

\* The membership invoice is forthcoming therefore the requested grant amount is an approximate estimate of the fees. There is an anticipated increase of up to 10% in LMLGA fees from last year for the 2015 to 2016 term. In 2011, the LMLGA Executive voted in favour of a 10% increase to membership fees each year for the next five years (2011 to 2015) to support the growth of LMLGA operation. The actual fee paid will be based upon the invoice amount received.

*Implications/Related Issues/Risk (if applicable)*

*Financial*

The 2015 to 2016 membership fees for the following organizations are requested with source of funding being in the 2015 Operating Budget:

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)	\$ 84,639.23
Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)	\$ 50,839.77
Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA)	\$ 3,300.00*

\* Estimated amount pending receipt of membership invoice.

**CONCLUSION**

The report seeks Council's consideration of a grant to support the renewal of 2015 to 2016 memberships to FCM, UBCM and LMLGA.

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