



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: General Manager of Finance, Risk and Business Planning in consultation with the Director of the Sustainability Group

SUBJECT: Application to Participate in Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Leadership in Asset Management Program

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve an application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Leadership in Asset Management Program.

REPORT SUMMARY

This report seeks Council's approval to support an application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Leadership in Asset Management Program. The program combines two strategic initiatives: management of capital assets and sustainability, and is an opportunity for Vancouver to showcase and learn from other participating municipalities.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

FCM programs require a resolution of Council as part of the application package.

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The General Manager of Finance, Risk and Business Planning recommends approval of the report.

Background/Context

FCM initiated the [Leadership in Asset Management Program](#) (LAMP) earlier this year, as part of a broader, ongoing program called the [Green Municipal Fund](#) (GMF). This new program was "developed to help influence a priority outcome area for GMF, which is to

increase municipalities' capacity to plan for and prioritize policies and investments in sustainable and resilient infrastructure and services".

LAMP consists of two phases, each lasting 1½ to 2 years:

- Phase 1 (Fall 2015-Spring 2017) involves peer sharing and learning among selected participating municipalities, with each municipality required to develop or refresh an asset management policy, strategy and/or governance framework;
- Phase 2 (Spring 2016-Spring 2018) involves more in-depth work in one of three areas: levels of service, risk assessment or life-cycle management.

Municipalities can apply for Phase 1 or both phases. FCM is offering financial assistance to participating municipalities. Up to \$32,500 is available for participants in Phase 1, and up to \$175,000 is available to participants in both phases.

The deadline for submitting applications was June 17. FCM allows municipalities to submit Council resolutions over the summer, prior to selecting participants in September.

Strategic Analysis

The City is well positioned to participate in the LAMP program: it is widely regarded as a leader in sustainability matters (key reference document: Greenest City 2020 Action Plan) and the City has made significant progress in the last five years in terms of long-range capital planning and asset management (key reference document: 10-year Capital Strategic Outlook).

The City submitted an application to FCM to participate in Phase 1. This would allow Vancouver to share our experience and learn from other municipalities, as well as advancing the integration of sustainability goals into our long-term capital planning framework. This report seeks Council's support for this application.

Implications/Related Issues/Risk (if applicable)

Financial

FCM estimates that the total cost for Phase 1 will be approximately \$50,000, to be equally shared between FCM and the City. FCM has capped their Phase 1 contribution to \$32,500, in the event that Phase 1 costs reach \$65,000. If the City's application is successful, the City's share will be accommodated within the existing 2015 budget and planned 2016 budget.

CONCLUSION

FCM's Leadership in Asset Management Program presents an exciting opportunity for the City to participate in a pan-Canadian learning forum, while at the same time giving us a platform to improve the links between sustainability and capital asset management.

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