

MOTION ON NOTICE

5. Special Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Advocacy Fund

MOVER: Acting Mayor Louie

SECONDER: Mayor Robertson

WHEREAS

1. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has a long track record of delivering gains for all Canadian municipalities, like the permanent Gas Tax Fund; and
2. The FCM's hard work and influence has significantly shaped historic gains for local governments starting with our Election 2015 breakthrough, including:
 - The **Investing in Canada infrastructure plan** — a 12-year, \$180 billion federal investment in local infrastructure, from public transit to wastewater system upgrades;
 - Canada's first-ever **national housing strategy**, including key commitments to repair and build affordable housing across the country;
 - A strengthened **seat at the table**, including through unprecedented engagement with federal ministers, as well as with opposition leaders and the Prime Minister;
 - A **predictable federal allocation model** for transit expansions that puts municipalities in the driver's seat;
 - A \$2 billion **rural and northern infrastructure fund** — the biggest investment of its kind in a generation;
 - Better access to **high-speed broadband** through the federal Connect to Innovate program and the CRTC decision to mandate universal broadband access;
 - New **capacity-building programs** on asset management and climate change — led by FCM — as well as a new \$125 million capital investment in FCM's Green Municipal Fund;
3. The 2019 election is a vital opportunity to build on those gains and to consolidate the municipal sector's position as an essential national partner to any federal government no matter which party wins the next federal election;
4. The FCM's Special Advocacy Fund will drive FCM's largest and most ambitious campaign ever, which will result in an extended campaign reaching out to every federal party to keep municipal priorities front-and-centre heading into Election 2019, as well as in the crucial first months of a new government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the municipality's participation in the Federation of Canadian Municipality's (FCM) Special Advocacy Fund for the 2019 federal election of \$21,400 per year for the next 2 years.