



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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Meeting Date: April 2, 2019

TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Deputy City Clerk
SUBJECT: Annual Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) Membership Fees for 2019 to 2020

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT grants to the following organizations for the 2019 to 2020 membership fees be approved; the source of funds from the 2019 Operating Budget:
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| (a) | Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) | \$ 96,608.47 |
| (b) | Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) | \$ 55,088.10 |
| (c) | Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) | \$ 7,100.00* |
- (* approximate)
- B. THAT a grant to the FCM be approved in the amount of \$42,800.00 representing an optional contribution to "Special Advocacy Fund Contribution", to support FCM in building tools and resources in advance of the next Federal election.

Approval of grants requires eight affirmative votes.

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a grant to support the annual renewal of 2019 to 2020 memberships to FCM, UBCM and LMLGA.

There is an optional contribution for Council to consider that represents the Special Advocacy Fund.

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.

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager recommends approval of the foregoing.

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 approximately 33 local governments.

Strategic Analysis

The report seeks Council's consideration for a grant to support the annual payment of FCM, UBCM and LMLGA invoices to the City for 2019 to 2020 membership fees. These fees are as follows:

- (a) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
(April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020)

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| 2019 to 2020 Membership Fee | \$ 96,608.47 |
| 2019 to 2020 Optional Contribution – Special Advocacy Fund | \$ 42,800.00 |

This represents an increase of \$2,599.10 (approximately 2.76%) over last year's membership fee. The membership fee includes a base fee of \$370 plus per capita fees of \$96,238.47, calculated based on a 2016 census population of 631,486 @ \$0.1524 per head.

The optional Special Advocacy Fund will contribute to the intensive, multi-faceted campaign to keep municipal priorities front-and-centre as the country heads into Election 2019. The last federal election was a turning point that propelled municipal priorities onto the national agenda like never before. Election 2019 is a vital opportunity to propel local governments to new heights. This 2-year Special Advocacy Fund, approved by FCM's Board of Directors, will be FCM's largest and most ambitious campaign, reaching out to every federal party. The fund is supported

by FCM members on a voluntary basis, using a fee structure similar to how membership fees are determined.

(b) Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)
(January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019)

2019 Membership Fee \$ 55,088.10

The fee is based on a calculation using the population estimates of 672,963 (Dec 2018 release) provided by BC STATS, the central statistical agency of the Province of British Columbia, and includes a rate increase of approximately 2.02% from 2018.

(c) Lower Mainland Local Government Association
(April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020)

2019 to 2020 Membership Fees \$7,100.00*

* The membership invoice is forthcoming therefore the requested grant amount is an approximate estimate of the fees. There is a minimal increase in LMLGA fees expected from last year for the 2019 to 2020 term. The fee will be based on a calculation using the population estimates of 672,963 (Dec 2018 release) provided by BC STATS, the central statistical agency of the Province of British Columbia. The actual fee paid will be based upon the invoice amount received. In 2018 to 2019 term, the actual invoice was \$6,984.00.

Implications/Related Issues/Risk

Financial

The annual 2019 to 2020 membership fees for the following organizations are requested, the source of funding being in the 2019 Operating Budget:

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| Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) | \$ 96,608.47 |
| 2019 to 2020 Optional Contribution – Special Advocacy Fund | \$ 42,800.00 |
| Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) | \$ 55,088.10 |
| Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) | \$ 7,100.00* |

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CONCLUSION

The report seeks Council's consideration of a grant to support the annual renewal of 2019 to 2020 memberships to FCM, UBCM and LMLGA.

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