



REPORT

Report Date: March 2, 2020
Contact: Rosemary Hagiwara
Contact No.: 604.873.7177
RTS No.: 13718
VanRIMS No.: 08-2000-20
Meeting Date: March 31, 2020
[Submit comments to Council](#)

TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: Acting 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 2020 to 2021

RECOMMENDATION

THAT grants to the following organizations for the 2020 to 2021 membership fees be approved; the source of funds the 2020 Operating Budget:

a. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)	\$ 125,298.08
b. Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)	\$ 55,928.03
c. Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) (*approximate)	\$ 7,100.00*

Approval of a grant requires an affirmative vote of at least-two-thirds of all of Council pursuant to Section 206(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*.

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a grant to support the annual renewal of memberships to FCM, UBCM and LMLGA for 2020 to 2021.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Section 206(1)(i) of the *Vancouver Charter* states that Council, by resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of all its members, may approve money grants to any association comprised of municipalities to which Council deems to be in the interest of the City to belong to or 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 2020 to 2021 membership fees. These fees are as follows:

- a) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
(April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021)

FCM 2020 to 2021 Membership Fee	\$ 125,298.08
---------------------------------	---------------

This represents an increase of \$28,689.61 (approximately 29.69%) over last year's membership fee. The membership fee includes a base fee of \$5,000 plus per capita fees of \$120,298.08, calculated based on a 2016 census population of 631,486 @ \$0.1905 per head. There is an increase in the base fee per population by 13.5% from \$350 to \$5,000. At the September Board of Directors meeting, an increase from \$0.15 to \$0.19 per capita with a 3.5% annual escalator was unanimously approved.

- b) Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)
(January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020)

UBCM 2020 Membership Fee	\$ 55,928.03
--------------------------	--------------

The fee is based on a calculation using the population estimates of 685,885 (Dec 2019 release) provided by BC STATS, the central statistical agency of the Province of British Columbia, and includes a rate increase of approximately 1.52% from 2019.

- c) Lower Mainland Local Government Association
(April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021)

LMLGA 2020 to 2021 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 2020 to 2021 term. The fee will be based on a calculation using the population estimates of 685,885 (Dec 2019 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 2019 to 2020 term, the actual invoice was \$6,994.00.

Implications/Related Issues/Risk

Financial

The annual 2020 to 2021 membership fees for the following organizations are requested, the source of funding being the 2020 Operating Budget:

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)	\$ 125,298.08
Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)	\$ 55,928.03
Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA)	\$ 7,100.00*

* The membership invoice is forthcoming therefore the requested grant amount is an approximate estimate of the fees.

CONCLUSION

The report seeks Council's consideration of a grant to support the annual renewal of 2020 to 2021 memberships to FCM, UBCM and LMLGA.

* * * * *