



COUNCIL REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Acting 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 2023 to 2024

Recommendations

THAT Council approve the grants to the following organizations for the 2023 to 2024 membership fees; and the source of funds come from the 2023 Operating Budget:

(a) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)	\$ 152,677.12
(b) Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)	\$ 61,300.00*
(c) Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA)	\$ 7,500.00*
(* approximate)	

Approval of grants requires eight affirmative votes.

Purpose and Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a grant to support the annual renewal 2023 to 2024 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.

City Manager's Comments

The City Manager concurs with the foregoing recommendations.

Context and Background

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.

Discussion

The report seeks Council's consideration for a grant to support the annual payment of FCM, UBCM and LMLGA invoices to the City for 2023 to 2024 membership fees. These fees are as follows:

- (a) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
(April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024)

2023 to 2024 Membership Fee	\$ 152,677.12
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The 2023 membership fee includes a base fee of \$5,540.00 plus GST, and a per capita fee of \$139,866.78 plus GST, calculated based on the 2021 census population of 662,248 @ \$0.2112 per head.

The total membership fee for 2023 represents an increase of \$18,430.83 or 12% from 2022. The increase is due to the Board of Directors' approval of a 3.5% annual escalator for the years 2022 to 2024, increasing the per capita rate from \$0.2041 to \$0.2112, and an increase in the base fee per population of 3.2% from \$5,360 to \$5,540. Furthermore, the 2023 fees are based on the 2021 census population of 662,248, whereas the 2022 membership fees were based on the 2016 census population of 631,486.

- (b) Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)
(January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023)

2023 Membership Fee	\$ 61,300.00*
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The fee will be based on a calculation using the population estimates of 706,012 (Dec 2022 release) provided by BC STATS, the central statistical agency of the BC. The 2022 membership fee was \$56,405.78 plus GST.

*The actual fee paid will be based upon the invoice amount received.

- (c) Lower Mainland Local Government Association
(April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024)

2023 to 2024 Membership Fees	\$7,500.00*
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The membership invoice is forthcoming therefore; the requested grant amount is an approximate estimate of the fees. There is a minimal increase of less than 5% in LMLGA fees expected for this year. The actual fee paid will be based upon the invoice amount received. For the 2022-2023 term, the actual invoice was \$7,146.00.

Financial Implications

The annual 2023 to 2024 membership fees for the following organizations are requested, with the source of funding from the 2023 Operating Budget:

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Legal Implications

There are no legal implications associated with this report's recommendations.

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