



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 2025-2026

Recommendations

THAT Council approve grants to the following organizations for the 2025-2026 membership fees, with funding from the approved 2025 Corporate Relations Operating Budget:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) - \$163,177.06
- Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) - \$69,730.43*
- Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) - \$8,000*

*Membership invoices for UBCM and LMLGA are forthcoming therefore; the requested grant amount is an approximate estimate at this time.

The above recommendation requires at least 2/3 affirmative votes of all Council members per section 206 (1) of the Vancouver Charter.

Purpose and Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider grants to support the annual renewal of the 2025 to 2026 memberships to FCM, UBCM and LMLGA.

Council Authority/Previous Decisions

Section 206(1)(i) of the *Vancouver Charter* states that Council may, by resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of all its members, provide for the making of money grants to any association comprised of municipalities which the Council deems it is in the interest of the City to belong to or 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

This report seeks Council approval for grants to support the annual payments of FCM, UBCM and LMLGA invoices to the City for 2025 to 2026 membership fees as follows:

Organization	Membership Period	Annual Membership Fee	Annual Increase
FCM	April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026	\$163,177.06 Fee includes a base fee of \$5,540.00 plus GST, and a per capita fee of \$149,866.72 plus GST calculated based on the 2021 census population of 662,248 @ \$0.2263 per head.	3.2% increase from 2024/2025
UBCM	January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025	\$69,730.43* Estimated annual fee is based on a calculation using the 2024 BC Status Census Population for Vancouver	6.4% increase from 2024

LMLGA	January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025	\$8,000*	4% increase from 2024
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Financial Implications

The annual 2025 to 2026 membership fees for the following organizations are requested, with the source of funding from the 2025 Operating Budget:

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Legal Implications

There are no legal implications associated with the recommendation contained in this report.

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