

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTION**

*For consideration at the Standing Committee meeting of City Council on July 9, 2025*

### **6. FCM 2028 Annual Conference Bid**

Submitted by: Councillor Bligh

#### **WHEREAS**

1. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference brings together municipal leaders from across Canada to share knowledge, shape national policy, and strengthen intergovernmental partnerships;
2. Vancouver previously hosted the FCM Conference in 1998 and 2013, both of which were highly successful and positioned the city as a leader in sustainability, affordable housing, and civic innovation;
3. Hosting an FCM Annual Conference would generate significant economic and reputational benefits for Vancouver, while reinforcing the city's national leadership on pressing issues such as public safety, climate action, housing, and economic development;
4. With Edmonton and Halifax confirmed to host the 2026 and 2027 conferences, respectively, Vancouver now has a timely and strategic opportunity to submit a competitive bid for a future FCM Annual Conference;
5. The costs incurred by the City of Vancouver in hosting the 2013 FCM conference totalled approximately \$1.2M and were covered by a reserve that had been established by Council commencing in 2007; and
6. Edmonton is budgeting \$1.6M to host the 2026 conference. While the conference is expected to generate revenues to offset costs, the expenditures are incurred in the period leading up to the event and the City would need a funding source to cover such costs.

#### **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

- A. THAT Council affirm its interest in hosting an upcoming FCM Annual Conference in Vancouver.
- B. THAT Staff engage with FCM, Destination Vancouver, local business and community partners, and relevant civic departments to develop a comprehensive proposal that demonstrates Vancouver's capacity – including venue availability, accommodations, transportation, and event experience – as well as the City's vision and leadership on key national priorities such as public safety, climate action, housing, and economic development.

- C. THAT Council direct staff to report back on a potential bid submission with cost estimates and funding options for hosting a future conference, should Vancouver be selected.

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