

COUNCIL REPORT

TO: CITY MANAGER**DATE:** 2015 January 15**FROM:** CITY CLERK**SUBJECT:** 2015 FCM MEMBERSHIP DUES**PURPOSE:** To seek Council approval for payment of Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2015 Membership Dues.**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** Council approve payment of the invoice from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for the 2015 membership dues in the amount of \$ 35,419.86.

REPORT

The City of is an active member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the invoice for the 2015-16 membership dues was recently received.

The annual dues in 2014-15 were \$34,767.54. The invoice for 2015-16 that was recently received is \$ 35,419.86 calculated on a base fee of \$ 330. plus a per capita fee of \$ 31,183.55 (223,218 X 13.97 cents). The fiscal year runs from April 1, 2015-March 31, 2016.

Included in the invoice is an amount of \$3906.32 being an optional contribution towards a travel fund that supports the participation of elected officials from small communities in FCM's National Board of Directors.

The required funding has been provided in the 2015 operating budget.



Dennis Back
CITY CLERK

Attachment: Letter dated December 8, 2014 from the FCM President

Copied to: Deputy City Manager
Director of Finance



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Dear Members of Council:

Thank you for your ongoing support of, and involvement in, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). I am writing to ask you to renew your membership for 2015-16.

As a member of FCM, your municipality has played a vital role in FCM's ability to achieve key successes in recent years. You know, as I do, that by working together we can make a real impact on the federal scene. Together, we have secured the indexed permanent Gas Tax Fund that municipalities use for local infrastructure. The Building Canada Fund was renewed for 10 years; new railway safety regulations were put in place and key housing programs extended. Without a strong FCM membership, these advances would not have been possible.

As the mayor of Fredericton, I know that the responsibilities of municipal leaders grow daily. Regardless of the size of our municipalities, we must continually improve our core infrastructure, protect our environment, build our economies and keep our communities safe. Yes, we have many achievements, but I know first-hand that there is much work left to do.

With a federal election around the corner, we have a unique opportunity in 2015 to bring your issues to the top of the federal agenda. We will use the election campaign to raise awareness among federal politicians about the importance of our cities and communities. Strong, healthy cities and communities are vital to the economic and social well-being of our residents.

On behalf of FCM, I ask that you renew your membership for the year 2015-16 so FCM can continue to represent you at the federal level. You will find enclosed your renewal form and other information about FCM.

Your support is appreciated. Thank you!

Brad Woodside
Mayor, City of Fredericton
FCM President

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