



Item
Meeting 2015 Mar 2

COUNCIL REPORT

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2015 February 24

FROM: CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: 2015 UBCM MEMBERSHIP DUES

PURPOSE: To seek Council approval for payment of Union of BC Municipalities 2015 Membership Dues.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council approve payment of the invoice from the Union of BC Municipalities for the 2015 membership dues in the amount of \$ 26,732.48, including GST.

REPORT

The City of Burnaby is an active member in the UBCM, and the 2015 membership dues are now payable.

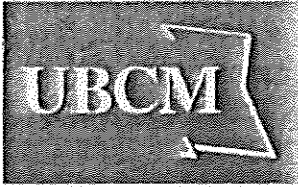
The annual dues in 2014 were \$25,262.25 plus GST. The dues for 2015 are \$ 25,459.50, representing an increase of \$ 197.25 plus GST.

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

Dennis Back
CITY CLERK

Attachment: Letter dated February 18, 2015 from the UBCM President

Copied to: Deputy City Manager
Director of Finance



MEMO

February 18, 2015

TO: Mayor & Council | Chair & Board

FROM: Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, UBCM President

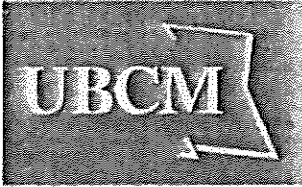
RE: UBCM MEMBERSHIP

I am writing to invite your Council or Board to renew its membership with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for 2015.

Local governments today across BC face a host of challenges, from infrastructure finance, the impacts of downloaded services, and an overburdened property tax base. Now more than ever we need a united voice to advocate for positions that take into the account the common issues facing communities. UBCM is that common voice, and we are proud of our most recent achievements for local governments, as detailed in our 2014 Annual Report:

- Launched the renewed Federal Gas Tax Fund, administered by UBCM, which will deliver \$2.7 billion for eligible infrastructure and planning projects in BC over the next decade.
- Released a landmark report on the socio-economic impact of ferry fare increases on BC communities that received unanimous endorsement at the 2014 Convention.
- Met with MLAs from all parties during our Advocacy Days to highlight the challenges to local government finance over the coming decade.
- Monitored the introduction of Bills 20 and 21 to emend local elections legislation in BC (based on the joint provincial – UBCM Local Government Elections Task Force report of 2010). UBCM will continue to contribute to the final phase of work related to campaign expense limits.
- Secured dedicated local government seats on the Multi-Materials BC Advisory Committee to provide feedback on core elements of the packaging and printed paper stewardship program.
- Established joint and local government working groups to support key policy areas, including a joint working group with the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation.

I will be sharing an update on our work at all of the Area Associations this spring, and look forward to seeing you at the 2015 Convention. Thank you in advance for your continued support and renewal of membership.



MEMO
February 18, 2015

TO: Local Government Chief Financial Officers
FROM: Kathleen Spalek, Manager, Finance & Corporate Operations
RE: **2015 UBCM MEMBERSHIP DUES**

UBCM President Sav Dhaliwal has written to all local councils and regional boards requesting them to consider renewing their membership for 2015 (enclosed).

We also enclose for your attention our dues invoice. When making payment could you please enclose the bottom portion of the invoice with your cheque; also please do not combine your dues payment with any other billings you may receive from UBCM.

For 2015 there is a 1% increase in the UBCM membership dues rates. The population estimates used are those prepared by BC STATS, Ministry of Citizens' Services and Open Government, Province of BC (December 2014).

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Encls.

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