

**STAFF REPORT: Administration**



**REPORT TO: Council**  
**MEETING DATE: August 10, 2009**  
**REPORT NO.: CAO.09.10**  
**SUBJECT: Federation of Canadian Municipalities Committee Membership**  
**PREPARED BY: Paul Graham, CAO**

## **A. Recommendations**

THAT Council receive Staff Report A.09.11, entitled "Federation of Canadian Municipalities Committee Membership";

AND THAT Mayor Anderson be authorized to serve on the following FCM Standing Committees:

- Opening Committee of the Whole
- Ontario Regional Caucus
- Standing Committee on Community Safety and Crime Prevention
- Standing Committee on Social-Economic Development

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve an unbudgeted expenditure of \$1,100.00 for this purpose.

## **B. Background**

As noted on the attached correspondence, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has invited Mayor Anderson to serve on four FCM Standing Committees. The Standing Committees would meet three times during the current Council term during FCM Board meetings, being September 9 to 12, 2009 in Collingwood, November 18 to 21, 2009 in Ottawa and March 3 to 6, 2010 in Moncton.

The two 2009 Board meetings would impact the approved 2009 Budget. The Collingwood Board meeting would be of negligible cost with the Ottawa meeting estimated at a total cost of \$1,800.00. If the Mayor's participation is approved, the 2010 Board meeting in Moncton would have to be considered as an expense impact of approximately \$2,100.00 on the 2010 Council Budget line.

As FCM refers to Board meetings during the current term of Council, future participation would be a consideration of the Council following the November, 2010 municipal election.

FCM has provided financial support to the Town on various projects and while FCM does not pay any costs related to Standing Committee membership, the financial cost to participate should be seen as a prudent investment.

### **C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan**

Providing a strong, well-managed municipal government.

### **D. Environmental Impacts**

None

### **E. Budget Impact**

The 2009 Council Budget for Training and Travel is \$30,600.00. Our calculations show that there is currently \$700.00 remaining in the Budget which is uncommitted at the present time. Unless members of Council have travel plans of which we are unaware, there appears to be a small shortfall of funds in the existing Council Budget of \$1,100.00 necessary to pay the estimated 2009 cost of \$1,800.00 for attending these FCM meetings.

Considering the benefit of the Town increasing its role in FCM business, I recommend that Council support this initiative and approve an unbudgeted expenditure of \$1,100.00.

### **F. Attached**

1. Federation of Canadian Municipalities correspondence dated July 22, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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# FCM Federation of Canadian Municipalities

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July 22, 2009

Ellen Anderson  
Mayor  
Town of Blue Mountains  
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Dear Mayor Anderson:

Following the election of FCM's 2008-09 National Board of Directors in Whistler, elected officials from member municipalities were invited to participate on FCM's Standing Committees.

In making these appointments, I took expressed preferences into account while also trying to avoid time conflicts. I also attempted to achieve a regionally balanced representation in each.

I am pleased to invite you to serve on the following standing committees:

- *Opening Committee of the Whole*
- *Ontario Regional Caucus*
- *Standing Committee on Community Safety and Crime Prevention*
- *Standing Committee on Social-Economic Development*

The schedule for FCM board meetings during your term is as follows:

September 9 - 12, 2009 , Collingwood, ON  
November 18 - 21, 2009, Ottawa, ON  
March 3 - 6, 2010, Moncton NB

Notices for each Board meeting, outlining the logistical arrangements, will be sent out approximately 45 days in advance of each meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Basil L. Stewart  
President of FCM  
Mayor, City of Summerside  
Prince Edward Island  
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