



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-117

From: Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer

Date: January 14, 2021

Subject: Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Membership Renewal

The following motion was deferred from the December 11, 2020 Regional Board meeting and is being presented to the Regional Board for its consideration. Note that the Rural Budgets Administration Committee (RBAC) received and discussed the referral of the invoice at its December 17, 2020 meeting and resolved to resume responsibility for membership decisions and payment, as per Rural Budgets Administration Bylaw No. 1166, 1998. The Rural Budgets Administration Committee recommendation was considered previously in the meeting. If the RBAC recommendation was approved, the motion on the floor should be defeated.

MOTION ON THE FLOOR: *[Corporate Weighted]*

That the Regional Board authorize payment of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities - 2021-2022 membership invoice, in the amount of \$4,949.96.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

At its December 11, 2020 meeting, the Regional Board considered the 2021-2022 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) membership invoice and made the following motion:

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED

That the Regional Board authorize payment of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities - 2021-2022 membership invoice, in the amount of \$4,949.96.

Prior to voting on the motion, the Board engaged in a discussion regarding the calculation of FCM membership renewal invoices. Member municipalities pay for membership to the FCM based on per capita dues which are calculated as per the municipal population. The invoice before the Board was based on per capita dues which were calculated as per the rural population of 21,269. The Board queried whether it should pay for rural membership to the FCM, or refer the invoice to the Rural Budgets Administration Committee for payment.

Following the discussion, the Board resolved:

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED

That the Regional Board defer consideration of Resolution No. RD/20/12/06, which states:

That the Regional Board authorize payment of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities - 2021-2022 membership invoice, in the amount of \$4,949.96.

until the Rural Budgets Administration Committee has had the opportunity to review the invoice.

The Rural Budgets Administration Committee (RBAC) reviewed the invoice at its December 17, 2020 meeting and resolved:

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee recommend that the Regional Board authorize the Rural Budgets Administration Committee to determine the PRRD's membership with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities each year, and pay membership fees accordingly.

Currently Rural Budgets Administration Amendment Bylaw No. 1166, 1998, as amended, authorizes RBAC to administer rural budgets for Electoral Area – Legislative (Elections, Conventions, Membership and Information), therefore, this membership properly belongs in the jurisdiction of RBAC. Unless the bylaw is amended, this invoice will reside with RBAC in future years.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board amend Rural Budgets Administration Bylaw No. 1166, 1998 to remove 'Membership' from Schedule A.
2. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

If approved, membership dues in the amount of \$4,949.96 for 2021-2022 will be paid to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities from Legislative Regional Function (F110). If defeated, RBAC will determine whether or not the FCM Membership is valued to the PRRD and the invoice should be paid, in which case, it will be paid from Electoral Area Function (F120).

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

The Rural Budgets Administration Committee will be advised of the Board's decision

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

The responsibility for payment of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has transferred between the Regional Board and the Rural Budgets Administration Committee in past years. In 2017, payment for memberships was transferred from the Electoral Area Function (F120) to the Legislative Regional (F110) Function. The Electoral Area Directors are willing to take back the responsibility of paying the FCM membership fees if the Regional Board authorizes the Rural Budgets Administration Committee to determine each year whether or not the PRRD renews their membership.

Attachment:

1. Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Membership Renewal
2. Rural Budgets Administration Bylaw No. 1166, 1998 (consolidated)