

2024 Appointments – Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – National Board of Directors and Standing Committees

ISSUE

City Council annually nominates Council members to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) National Board of Directors and Standing Committees.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governance & Priorities Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That Councillor Loewen be nominated to put their name forward for election to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) National Board of Directors in 2024;
2. That all City Councillors be nominated to apply for appointment to the FCM Standing Committees; and
3. That any costs incurred to attend meetings as a result of being elected to the Board or appointed to a Standing Committee, be covered by the City of Saskatoon in accordance with Policy No. C01-023, City Councillors' Travel and Training.

BACKGROUND

The City of Saskatoon holds membership with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Authorization for a Councillor to stand for election to the FCM Board of Directors takes place during the City's annual appointment process.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The elections for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) National Board of Directors take place at the annual FCM Conference in June of each year.

The Board of Directors sets policy priorities that reflect the concerns of municipal governments and affiliate members. It meets quarterly to develop policy positions on key national municipal issues.

During the quarterly meetings, the various standing committees meet to discuss and develop policy positions on these key issues. These recommendations are then forwarded to the Board of Directors who discuss and adopt the recommendations.

All positions on FCM's Board of Directors are filled by election on an annual basis, with the exception of those designated for affiliate members and the immediate past president, as outlined in the FCM by-laws, during the Annual Conference.

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The president, first vice-president, second vice-president and third vice-president are elected at large. The position of immediate past president is an automatic succession. FCM's Annual Conference provides member delegates the opportunity to debate and vote on policy matters for the coming year.

Councillor Loewen has been elected to the FCM Board of Directors since 2020.

FCM's Board of Directors has established standing committees, working groups, caucuses and forums to facilitate more detailed debate and provide the board with recommendations on priority policy and program issues. These committees are comprised of both Board members and non-Board municipal elected officials. A list of the standing committees and mandates can be found on the FCM [website](#).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No remuneration is paid for being elected to the Board or appointed to a standing committee, however there are expenses that are incurred as a result of being elected/appointed to attend meetings which are included in the annual operating budget of the Councillors' Office.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no privacy, legal, social, or environmental implications identified.

NEXT STEPS

The Governance and Priorities Committee will make its recommendations of City Council at the November 22, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

Report Approval

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