



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the General Committee

From: Mayor Leal

Meeting Date: April 22, 2024

**Report: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) 2024 Election –
City of Peterborough Representation, Report COU24-002**

Subject

Councillor Duguay has expressed an interest in running for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of Directors to represent the City of Peterborough. An official endorsement must be made by the municipality in order for this process to go forward.

Recommendation

That General Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report COU24-002, dated April 22, 2024 of the Mayor as follows:

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of member municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction;

WHEREAS FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the united voice required to carry the municipal message to the federal government; and

WHEREAS FCM's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held in conjunction with the Annual Conference and Trade Show, followed by the election of FCM's Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Peterborough endorse Councillor Kevin Duguay to stand for election on FCM's Board of Directors for the period starting in June 2024 and ending June 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council assumes all costs associated with Councillor Kevin Duguay attending FCM's Board of Directors meetings.

Executive Summary

- FCM is the leading organization that represents municipalities across Canada; calling itself “the national voice for Canada’s local governments.”
- Each year, an FCM Board of Directors is elected through a process culminating at the Annual General Meeting. A Council resolution is required before a candidate can run for the Board of Directors.
- Councillor Kevin Duguay has expressed an interest in running for the FCM Board of Directors in order to represent Peterborough’s interest on the committee. A resolution is required to support this process.

Background

FCM Board of Directors

The FCM Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials and affiliate members from all regions and various-sized communities throughout Canada. Eligible positions on the Board of Directors are divided by province/territory, municipality size and other qualifiers. Of the sixteen possible positions for Ontario elected officials, a Peterborough representative would likely be eligible for one of two positions.

The elected officials on the Board of Directors set and promote the FCM priorities from their local communities and with their federal counterparts on Parliament Hill.

The Board meets in-person and/or virtually three times per year, with some committee meetings in between. The 2024 fall Board of Directors’ meeting location has been set for Ottawa with other locations to be determined.

The election for the FCM Board of Directors takes place in-person at the organization’s Annual General Meeting (AGM). The 2024 election will take place at FCM’s 2024 Annual Conference and Trade Show from June 6 to 9, 2024 in Calgary, Alberta.

Strategic Plan

Strategic Pillar: Governance & Fiscal Sustainability

Strategic Initiative: Continue the work to strengthen our relationships with the provincial / federal government, and our regional partners to make these relations more productive, collaborative, and complementary

Holding a position on the FCM Board of Directors would enable the City of Peterborough to strengthen relationships with the federal government and other municipalities across the country and most importantly, advance City of Peterborough priorities.

Engagement and Consultation

If elected, Councillor Duguay would look to consult with Council colleagues on priorities to advance at the FCM Board of Directors table.

Budget and Financial Implications

The estimated cost for participation on the FCM Board of Directors is between \$3,000 and \$10,000. This cost includes attending the AGM in Calgary, Alberta in June 2024 as well as three Board of Directors meetings for the year (e.g., Ottawa and virtual options) as well as potential committee meetings.

Cost would depend on location and number of in-person meetings attended.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Councillor Duguay be supported in his interest in running for the FCM Board of Directors to represent the City of Peterborough.

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