



**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE DIVISION  
TREASURY REPORT 2017/41**

**TO: Administration & Finance Executive Committee**  
**FROM: Dawn Galusha, Deputy Treasurer**  
**DATE: April 12, 2017**  
**SUBJECT: Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Legal Defense Fund Request**

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**BACKGROUND**

At the March 27, 2017 Council Meeting, the letter from Clark Somerville, FCM President was referred to the Administration and Finance Executive Committee. As noted in the letter, for the past 20 years, FCM's Legal Defense Fund has been a critical tool in defending the national legal interests of Canada's municipalities. The Fund has been instrumental in setting important legal precedents on a number of issues that are of crucial importance to all municipalities. The Fund has been fully depleted, so FCM has established a long-term strategy to recapitalize the Legal Defense Fund annually- beginning with an immediate call for contributions.

Support to this Fund is voluntary and the voluntary contribution formula is 2 cents per capita as presented on the voluntary invoice.