

TO: Mayor Avis & Members of Council
FROM: Laurie Lindberg, Treasurer
DATE: April 19, 2017
SUBJECT: Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Legal Defense Fund Request

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 2.3 cents per capita as presented on the voluntary invoice.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration and Finance Executive Committee recommends that Council support the Federation of Canadian Municipalities legal defense fund request in the amount of \$206.67.

<p>Council Approval of This Report Will approve the Administration & Finance Executive Committee recommendation to support the Federation of Canadian Municipalities legal defense fund as requested and authorize payment in the amount of \$206.67.</p>
