

Administrative Backgrounder

Title	2023 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference Alberta Focused Reception (Councillor Comeau)
Purpose of Report	To present information in response to Councillor Comeau's proposed motion for Sturgeon County to participate in hosting an Alberta focused reception during the 2023 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference in Toronto in May 2023.
Proposed Motion(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council approve up to a \$10,000 expenditure, within the existing 2023 operating budget, to fund Sturgeon County's contribution to a reception held during the 2023 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference where Alberta communities can inform and educate conference delegates about Alberta and further inter-provincial and national relationships. 2. That Council direct a letter to be sent to the Federal and Provincial Governments, rural municipalities in Alberta, and relevant industries to gauge support in hosting an Alberta reception at the 2023 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference where Alberta's rural municipalities can inform and educate conference delegates about Alberta and further inter-provincial and national relationships.
Previous Council / Committee Direction	<p><u>January 14, 2020 Regular Council Meeting</u></p> <p>Motion 020/20: That Council direct that a letter be sent to rural municipalities in Alberta to gauge support in hosting an Alberta reception at the 2020 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference where Alberta's rural municipalities can inform and educate conference delegates about Alberta and further inter-provincial and national relationships.</p> <p>Motion 021/20: That Council approve up to \$10,000 from the Council Contingency Reserve to fund Sturgeon County's contribution to the 2020 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference Advocacy Event.</p>
Background Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2020, Council supported a proposal to co-host a reception at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference

	<p>where Alberta's rural municipalities could inform and educate conference delegates about Alberta and further inter-provincial and national relationships. Council approved \$10,000 to fund Sturgeon County's contribution to the event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 FCM Conference was cancelled and planning for the event ceased. • The 2023 FCM Conference and Trade Show is scheduled from May 25-28, 2023 in Toronto. • Pursuant to section 82 of consolidated Procedure Bylaw 1301/13, a member of Council may initiate Council Meeting agenda item by providing at least 7 business days' notice prior to a regularly scheduled Council Meeting. The member of Council must provide background information and identify what decision is requested of Council in the form of a proposed motion. Such items must be urgent in nature such that they must be addressed by Council earlier than the notice of motion process would permit. The Mayor shall decide whether an item is urgent in nature. • Councillor Comeau provided sufficient notice pursuant to the Procedure Bylaw. Mayor Hnatiw has given approval for this item to be added directly to the March 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting agenda since, should Council support the proposal, there is limited time to obtain support from other municipalities and proceed with the planning of the event. • Following approval letters, be sent to the Federal and Provincial Governments, rural municipalities in Alberta, and relevant industries to gauge support in hosting an Alberta reception at the 2023 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference where Alberta's rural municipalities can inform and educate conference delegates about Alberta and further inter-provincial and national relationships.
Strategic Alignment	Collaborative Governance – Establishing and strengthening inter-provincial relationships can advance Sturgeon County's national strategic priorities.
Anticipated Human Resource Requirements	The estimated staff time to fulfill this request is approximately 50 hours. It is recommended that an external event planner be acquired.
Anticipated Financial Resource Requirements	Sturgeon County's contribution would be \$10,000.
Attachment(s)	None.

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