

## Request for Decision

<b>Title</b>	<b>Endorsement of Councillor Comeau's Nomination to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors</b>
<b>Proposed Motion</b>	That Council endorse Councillor Comeau to stand for election on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of Directors for the period starting in June 2025 and ending in June 2026, and that Council assume all costs associated with Councillor Comeau attending FCM's Board of Directors meetings.
<b>Administrative Recommendation</b>	Administration recommends that Council provide direction regarding Councillor Comeau's nomination to the FCM Board of Directors, including assuming costs associated with his participation, if elected.
<b>Previous Council / Committee Direction</b>	<u>April 23, 2024 Regular Council Meeting</u> Motion 130/24: That Council endorse Councillor Comeau to stand for election on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of Directors for the period starting in June 2024 and ending in June 2025, and that Council assume all costs associated with Councillor Comeau attending FCM's Board of Directors meetings.
<b>Report</b>	<b><u>Background Information</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is a non-partisan organization that represents the interests of member municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction.</li> <li>• FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of municipal elected 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.</li> <li>• FCM's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in conjunction with the Annual Conference and Trade show from May 28 - June 1, 2025 in Ottawa.</li> <li>• To be nominated to the Board of Directors, a candidate must be an elected official of an FCM-member municipality in good standing.</li> <li>• Each candidate's municipality must endorse a resolution expressly permitting the candidate to seek a position on the FCM's Board and</li> </ul>

	<p>confirming that the candidate's municipality/association will assume any costs related to attending FCM meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having a Sturgeon County representative on the FCM Board of Directors amplifies Sturgeon County's interests to the federal government.</li> <li>• Municipal elected officials serving on the FCM Board may remain in their positions during an election period while campaigning for re-election. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Members stay on for a termed period of up to two years (Bylaw No. 1, section 3.09) unless they are not re-elected, voluntarily leave, no longer have support or approval of their municipal council, or potentially due to a bylaw or policy violation.</li> <li>○ There is no requirement or clause in FCM's Bylaws No. 1, Code of Ethical Conduct, or Conflict of Interest Policy, or internal policies that state or address a requirement to resign or take a leave of absence due to a municipal election candidacy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ FCM Bylaw No. 1 Section 3.02, discusses member eligibility. There is no stipulation requiring resignation or a leave of absence due to a municipal election.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Alberta's <i>Local Authorities Election Act</i> and <i>Municipal Government Act</i>, similarly, do not mandate a leave of absence for municipal officials running for re-election.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>External Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If approved by Council, Administration will provide the Council resolution to FCM.</li> </ul> <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices</u></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>Implication of Administrative Recommendation</b>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment</u></p> <p><b>Collaborative Governance</b> – Endorsing Councillor Comeau's nomination to the FCM Board of Directors allows for the exchange of information between the municipal and federal levels of government and supports Sturgeon County's advocacy efforts.</p> <p><u>Organizational</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>Sturgeon County would be responsible for costs associated with Councillor Comeau attending FCM Board of Directors meetings if not covered by the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA). Costs would include airfare, accommodation, and related travel expenses to attend in-person meetings.</p>
<b>Alternatives Considered</b>	<p>Council could defeat the proposed motion, thereby not supporting Councillor Comeau's nomination to the FCM Board of Directors.</p>

<b>Implications of Alternatives</b>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment</u></p> <p><b>Collaborative Governance</b> – A decision not to endorse Councillor Comeau’s nomination to the FCM Board of Directors could result in a lost opportunity to establish intergovernmental relationships and advocate for Sturgeon County’s interests to the federal government.</p> <p><u>Organizational</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>Follow up Action</b>	<p>1. Provide Council-approved resolution to the FCM (Legislative Services, May 2024).</p>
<b>Attachment(s)</b>	<p>None</p>
<b>Report Reviewed by:</b>	<p>Robert Stephenson, Manager, Corporate Planning and Intergovernmental Services</p> <p>Jennifer Lavallee, Director, Communications and Strategic Services</p> <p>Travis Peter, Chief Administrative Officer</p>

## Strategic Alignment Checklist

**Vision:** *Offering a rich tapestry of historical, cultural, and natural experiences, Sturgeon County is a municipality that honours its rural roots and cultivates desirable communities. Uniquely situated to provide world-class agricultural, energy, and business investment opportunities, the County prioritizes responsible stewardship and dreaming big.*

**Guiding Principles:** Collaboration | Accountability | Flexibility | Excellence | Safety | Future Readiness | Affordability | Innovation

Community Outcome	Not consistent	Consistent	N/A
<b>Planned Growth</b>			
• <i>Internationally competitive to attract, grow and sustain diverse businesses; tenacious focus on new growth and innovation</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• <i>Modern broadband and digital capabilities</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• <i>Low cost, minimal red-tape regulations</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• <i>Reliable and effective infrastructure planning; comprehensive land use and infrastructure planning</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Thriving Communities</b>			
• <i>Beautiful, surprising places with high standards; integrated natural spaces &amp; trail systems; healthy and resilient</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• <i>Engaging cultural, historical, and civic amenities; strong community identity and pride</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• <i>Safe, welcoming, and diverse communities; small community feel and personal connection; commitment to high quality of life</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Environmental Stewardship</b>			
• <i>Clean air, land, and water; Carbon neutral municipal practices; circular economy opportunities</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• <i>Conservation of natural areas and agricultural lands; enhanced greening and biodiversity; safekeeping ecosystems</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• <i>Sustainable development; partnerships with industry and others to drive emission reductions</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Collaborative Governance</b>			
• <i>Predictable and stable external relationships; volunteer partnerships</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• <i>Meaningful connections with Indigenous communities</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• <i>Ongoing community consultation and engagement; transparent and action-oriented decision making based on sound rationale</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• <i>Respectful and informed debate; clear and supportive governance processes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Operational Excellence</b>			
• <i>Engaged and effective people – Council, Admin and Volunteers; continuous learning and improvement mindset; nimble and bold, with strong leadership</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• <i>Quality cost-effective service delivery; robust procurement and operational practices and policies; asset management and performance measurement; careful debt and reserve stewardship; long-term financial planning and sustainability</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• <i>Future focused thinking to proactively respond to emerging opportunities and challenges</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• <i>Alternative revenue generation and service delivery models integrated strategic and business planning</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>