

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON AUGUST 26, 2014
FROM:	GRANT HOPCROFT DIRECTOR, INTERGOVERNMENTAL & COMMUNITY LIAISON
SUBJECT	AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES TO HOST THE 2015 FCM SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Director of Intergovernmental and Community Liaison, the attached proposed By-Law (Appendix 1) **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting of September 2, 2014:

- a) **TO APPROVE** the Agreement (Schedule 1) of September 2 2014, with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to host the 2015 FCM Sustainable Communities Conference; and
- b) **TO AUTHORIZE** the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Agreement of September 2, 2014 in (a) above.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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Board of Control, January 27, 2010: Bid to host FCM Sustainable Communities Conference 2011
 Finance and Administrative Services Committee, December 12, 2011: Bid to host FCM Sustainable Communities Conference 2013-2014
 Corporate Services Committee, January 8, 2013; Bid to host FCM Sustainable Communities Conference (SCC) 2015
 Corporate Services Committee, London Hosting of Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) 2015 Sustainable Communities Conference and Trade Show, April 29, 2014

BACKGROUND

The City of London has been chosen by FCM to host the Sustainable Communities Conference (SCC) February 11-13, 2015. This is the premier event focused on Sustainability and Climate Change Adaptation for municipal government in Canada. Between 300 and 350 delegates are expected to attend the conference.

According to calculations provided by Tourism London, each out of town delegate is expected to generate an economic impact of approximately \$900 to \$1,000 for a total potential economic impact to the City of London of approximately \$350,000.

As part of its hosting responsibilities, London will host the Mayor's Welcome Reception and provide daily breakfasts, coffee breaks and a closing dinner. The City will host 3 full day study tours with training and 4 shorter tours centred on the theme of sustainability. It will provide transportation for the tours as well as volunteers. FCM serves its members in both official languages and the host municipality must also provide sufficient staff and volunteers with French and English capabilities to assist with on-site logistical requirements as well as tours, information booths and social events. In addition, supporting documentation for all tours must be

in French and English. Civic Administration is in discussion with FCM concerning the opportunity for the potential involvement of members of the Mayor's Sustainable Energy Council, local environmental groups and local post-secondary students.

As with the recent AMO conference, Civic Administration will working with FCM to provide corporate sponsorship opportunities to offset the City's host obligations to the greatest extent possible. FCM also will provide at a minimum an \$86 per capita payment to the City to help offset in part the cost of our host obligations.

Due to short turnaround timing, this report and the attached version of the agreement with FCM is being tabled without benefit of advice from Legal Services in order to permit Council to review and approve it prior to the lame duck period. We anticipate receiving legal advice on this draft version prior to the August 26 Committee date and will table any recommended amendments with Committee at or before the meeting. This report was prepared in consultation with Jim Barber, Managing Director, Legal and Corporate Services; Jennifer Smout, Solicitor; and Jason Wills, Manager, Risk Management.

PREPARED BY:	RECOMMENDED BY:
JILL TANSLEY MUNICIPAL POLICY SPECIALIST	GRANT HOPCROFT, DIRECTOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND COMMUNITY LIAISON

Schedule 1: Agreement with Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Appendix 1: By-Law

APPENDIX 1

Bill No.
2014

By-law No.

A By-law to approve the Agreement to host the 2015 Sustainable Communities Conference February 10-12, 2015 in London with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; and to authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Agreement.

WHEREAS section 9 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS section 8 provides that the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on the municipality to enable it to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance its ability to respond to municipal issues;

AND WHEREAS subsection 10(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public;

AND WHEREAS subsection 10(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipality may pass by-laws respecting: 5. Economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality; 7. Services and things that the municipality is authorized to provide under subsection (1);

AND WHEREAS subsection 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. The agreement to be entered into between The Corporation of the City of London and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for the hosting of the 2015 Sustainable Communities Conference, attached as Schedule "1" to this By-law, is approved.
2. The Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized to execute the agreement approved under section 1 above.
3. This by-law shall come into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on September 2, 2014.

Joni Baechler
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First reading -
Second reading –
Third reading -