

FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES ADVOCACY STRATEGY**Issue**

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities is proposing a targeted messaging campaign from municipalities to influence the outcome of discussions between the federal and provincial governments through support of a prepared resolution and sending it to the federal Member of Parliament.

Motion Proposed by Administration

That the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Advocacy Strategy report be received as information.

Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

The federal and provincial governments are currently negotiating the new Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) agreement that will replace the expiring 10-year agreement in 2024.

As the Town is not party to the negotiations, there is a request to advocate for the following:

- With a new federal infrastructure plan at a standstill, the CCBF is currently the only federal infrastructure program that municipalities can rely on to rehabilitate existing infrastructure and develop new community assets to help accommodate growth.
- Canada's municipalities are going through a period of historic growth and must be able to count on a flexible and predictable CCBF at the end of the current renegotiation process between the federal government and signatories.
- The CCBF provides more than \$2.4 billion in annual capital funding directly to municipalities through a predictable allocation mechanism, and municipalities of all sizes use the CCBF to deliver direct results for Canadians by building and renewing critical core public infrastructure, including water infrastructure, local roads, public transit, and community, cultural, and recreational facilities.
- In the near-term, FCM is calling on the federal government to renew this critical program and maintain the CCBF as a source of direct, predictable, long-term funding for local infrastructure priorities.
- FCM has also called on the federal government to leverage this proven funding mechanism as a vehicle to deliver increased funding directly to municipalities, as part of a new Municipal Growth Framework that would better link municipal funding with national population and economic growth.

- The provincial tabling of Bill 18: The *Provincial Priorities Act* has highlighted the disparate views of both the federal and provincial governments.

Strategic Plan Goals

<input type="checkbox"/>	Responsibly Managed Growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrated Environmental Leadership
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Strong Local Economy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced Culture & Community Health
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Organizational Excellence		

Equity/Diversity/Inclusivity Impacts and Strategy

n/a

Environmental Impacts

n/a

Governing Policies/Bylaws/Legislation or Agreements

n/a

Public Participation Strategy

n/a

Alternatives for Consideration

n/a

CAO Comments

Municipalities are not involved in the active negotiations of the CCBF funding with the provincial and federal authorities. We are seeing that the federal government is interested in some or all of this funding to be used for affordable housing, which is not even a municipally mandated responsibility. This money was historically the Federal Gas Tax Fund that was collected at the pumps and given to municipalities for maintenance of road networks. The province does not agree with the federal direction on spending priorities and thus last week tabled Bill 18, the *Provincial Priorities Act* in attempt to deal with the changing priorities/potential misalignment to provincial authorities.

Municipalities receive approximately 10 cents of every tax dollar, yet have 60% of the assets. The bottom line is municipalities need the support of both federal and provincial governments to achieve the funding levels required to implement appropriate asset management plans. Municipal messaging to the other levels of government is we do not get enough funds and we do not want to have other levels of government dictate priorities that may not be our community's priorities.

Council direction is requested if they wish to enter the debate on this issue by endorsing the proposed FCM Resolution.

Attachment(s)

1. FCM's CCBF Re-negotiation 2024 Overview
2. FCM's CCBF Key Messages, Resolution Template, MP Sample Letter

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