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SUBJECT: **FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show 2023 Delegate Report
(Councillor Menard)**

OBJET : **Le rapport du délégué du congrès annuel et salon professionnel de FCM
2023 (Conseiller Menard)**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to report to Committee following attendance at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference and Trade Show.

Pursuant to Section 4 of the Council Expense Policy, Members of Council who undertake City-funded travel must submit a written report to the appropriate Standing

Committee detailing their experiences, what they learned at the conference and how the City's position or interests were advanced.

BACKGROUND

The City of Ottawa is the fourth largest city in Canada and the second largest city in Ontario. As a leading municipality, Ottawa is a member of several municipal organizations responsible for advancing important priorities and engaging with upper levels of government. Our participation allows the City to influence policy development at the provincial and national level, while networking and learning from our peers. To this end, Members of Council are invited to attend various conferences, conventions, and meetings both within and outside the municipality.

The City of Ottawa is a Member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), an organization representing more than 2,000 municipalities across Canada. FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show gathers municipal leaders from across Canada each year to set common policy goals on key issues.

FCM hosted its Annual Conference and Trade Show from May 25 to May 28, 2023, in Toronto, Ontario. In addition to Councillor Tim Tierney, the City's representative to FCM, the following Members of Council attended this event:

- Councillor Jessica Bradley
- Councillor Sean Devine
- Councillor Theresa Kavanagh
- Councillor Wilson Lo
- Councillor Shawn Menard
- Councillor Ariel Troster

DISCUSSION

The FCM conference was a helpful educational experience. In particular, the sessions hosted on climate change, active transportation infrastructure such as a public bike share program (which Ottawa needs to implement), and public private partnerships given our own city experience.

I also connected with FCM staff, current and former mayors, and federal representatives looking to advance affordable housing solutions which has helped inform city pursuits of affordable housing and new funding streams.

I appreciated the opportunity to attend and to see a member of council gain influence as 3rd VP of the organization.

CONCLUSION

It is through the commitment of Members of Council, to attend conferences like the 2023 FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show, that the City of Ottawa's interests are advanced.

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