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

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

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 Mayor Mark Sutcliffe and 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

At this year's annual conference, it was the opportunity of the Executive to be formally introduced to the organization. As 3rd VP, it was an honor to be part of such a momentous occasion among my fellow delegates. In my role as 3rd VP, I was a part of many lucrative discussions to help forward both the City's and the province's goals.

The conference was extremely well attended and was a resounding success. Among the things learned at the conference was also the adoption of three significant resolutions:

- Establishing an urgent intergovernmental platform for mental health

- A new growth framework for Canadian municipalities
- Taking urgent action needed to address the homelessness crisis

The City's position on their own housing and homelessness crisis was addressed in addition to the Climate Change Emergency that is also prevalent. Investing in renewable projects and continuing to work towards a dependable transit system were also discussed throughout the conference.

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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