

Subject: City representation and delegate attendance at municipal conferences and tradeshows in 2026

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Objet : Représentation de la Ville et participation de délégués aux conférences municipales et aux salons professionnels en 2026

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REPORT RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Finance and Corporate Services Committee approve the following Members of Council attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference and Trade Show, to be held June 4 to June 7, 2026, in Edmonton, Alberta, in addition to Councillor Dudas, the City's representative to FCM, and Councillor Tierney, the First Vice-President of FCM:

- **Councillor Carr**
- **Councillor Curry**
- **Councillor King**
- **Councillor Kitts**
- **Councillor Skalski**

RECOMMANDATION(S) DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité des finances et des services organisationnels approuve que les membres suivants du Conseil municipal participent au congrès annuel et au salon professionnel de la Fédération canadienne des municipalités (FCM) qui aura lieu du 4 au 7 juin 2026, à Edmonton en Alberta, ainsi que Laura Dudas, représentante de la Ville auprès de la FCM, et Tim Tierney, premier vice-président de la FCM :

- **Conseillère Carr ;**
- **Conseillère Curry;**
- **Conseiller King;**
- **Conseillère Kitts;**
- **Conseillère Skalski.**

BACKGROUND

The City of Ottawa is a member of a number of municipal organizations including the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA), and the Association francophone des municipalités de l'Ontario (AFMO).

In accordance with the Finance and Corporate Services Committee (FCSC) Terms of Reference, a report is brought forward early in each calendar year to identify the primary municipal conferences and to recommend any Council delegates, in addition to the respective Council-appointed representatives.

As the registration and travel for Members is paid out of the Council Administration Budget, a circulation of interest is undertaken for out-of-town conferences where travel costs (e.g., transportation, accommodations, per diem and incidentals) will be incurred. All interested Members have generally been permitted to attend conferences where there are no associated travel expenses (such as when the event is hosted in Ottawa) provided they submit their names prior to the registration deadline.

DISCUSSION

On January 5, 2026, the Office of the City Clerk circulated an expression of interest to Members of Council for their interest in attending the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference in 2026.

FCM Annual Conference – Edmonton, Alberta

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is hosting its Annual Conference and Trade Show from June 4 to 7, 2026, in Edmonton, Alberta.

The following Members of Council expressed an interest in attending FCM:

- **Councillor Carr**
- **Councillor Curry**
- **Councillor King**
- **Councillor Kitts**
- **Councillor Skalski**

The Office of the City Clerk is recommending that the Finance and Corporate Services Committee approve the attendance of the above-noted Members of Council, in addition to Councillor Dudas, the City's representative to FCM, and Councillor Tierney, the First Vice-President of FCM. This would result in the same number of delegates attending as in 2023 and 2024. In 2025, the FCM Annual Conference was held in Ottawa and there was no travel costs associated with the conference.

AMO Annual Conference – Ottawa, Ontario

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is hosting its Annual Conference from August 16 to 19, 2026 in Ottawa, Ontario.

As the AMO Conference will be held locally and there will be no associated travel costs, any Member of Council wishing to attend will have the opportunity to do so, consistent with past practices, provided they advise of their interest in attending by March 27, 2026, to benefit from early-bird pricing.

ROMA Annual Conference – Toronto, Ontario

The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) hosted the 2026 Annual General Meeting and Conference from January 18 to January 20, 2026, in Toronto, Ontario. Councillors Clarke Kelly and Riley Brockington attended as the City's representatives to ROMA and AMO, respectively.

AFMO Annual Conference and OGRA Annual Conference

The Association francophone des municipalités de l'Ontario (AFMO) is hosting its annual conference from March 25 to 26, 2026 in Sudbury, Ontario. The 2026 Good Roads Conference will be held from March 29 to April 1, 2026, in Toronto, Ontario. The City's representatives to OGRA and AFMO will have an opportunity to attend.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds are available within the 2026 Elected Officials Administration operating account.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal impediments to approving the recommendation in this report.

CONSULTATION

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RURAL IMPLICATIONS

Among the municipal associations that Members of Council participate in is that of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).

DISPOSITION

Council Support Services will process the registrations for the 2026 FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show, and the 2026 AMO Annual Conference, and advise FCM and AMO of the City's delegates.

Should any Member of Council be unable to attend a conference for which they have been registered, it is requested that they notify the City Clerk immediately. The City Clerk will undertake a circulation to all Members of Council to identify a substitute.

The Council Expense Policy requires Members who undertake City-funded travel to submit a written report to the appropriate Standing Committee detailing their experiences, what they learned and how the City's position or interests were advanced. The report will be included on the agenda of the appropriate Standing Committee as an Information Previously Distributed (IPD) Memo.