



**September 1, 2011**

## **City Council Committee Report**

**To: Mayor & Council**

**From: Lisa Oakes, Budget/Auditor General**

**Re: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Membership Request**

### **Recommendation**

**That** Council defer the request for membership for Federation of Canadian Municipalities to the City's 2012 Operating Budget deliberations.

### **Background:**

With more than 1,900 members, FCM represents the interests of municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction. Members include Canada's largest cities, small urban and rural communities, and 21 provincial and territorial municipal associations.

Since the formation of the FCM, municipal governments have maintained a strong advocacy role in lobbying the federal government to include municipal concerns in policy development and national decision-making. Through their national organization, they made sure the federal government understood the full impact of their decisions on municipal governments and taxpayers. Year after year, FCM's work has benefitted each and every municipal government and taxpayer in Canada.

The City currently does not have monies available for this funding and the membership would have to be paid from reserves. Five months of this current membership has also passed. It is recommended that this request be deferred to the 2012 operating budget deliberations.

**Budget:** Membership in FCM is not included in the 2011 operating budget.

### **Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:**

Resolution required.