



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Report from: Councillor Lynda Hundleby

Subject: FCM Board and Committee Meetings September 9 -12, 2015

Council Agenda: December 21, 2015

The FCM Board and Committee Meetings met in September in Fredericton, NB. The main focus was on the impending federal election October 19. As a non-partisan group, the Federation encouraged members to contact every candidate and every party in each constituency across the country.

The use of social media and electronic mail was a huge part of the process and a large part of the success of distributing the FCM message on the importance of municipalities. The importance of personal contacts with all candidates in every constituency was stressed as well as urging all citizens to vote especially young adults and others who have never voted.

At a Committee of the Whole Board, we had a workshop and on-line exercise on social media allowing members to become familiar with the apps. It was amazing to see it in action and watching the immediate results.

Attached to this report is the official Summary of the FCM Board and Committee Meetings. Two highlights are identified in the overview and repeated here.

- At these meetings Board members “committed to a post-election transition strategy to position FCM as a key partner for the next government—identifying key local priorities and ensuring that campaign promises turn into meaningful legislation.”
- Another significant piece was an emergency recommendation on the Syrian refugee crisis. “The recommendation creates an FCM Task Force on Refugee Resettlement to coordinate the municipal response, and to share community best practices. FCM believes that municipalities are well-positioned to work with the federal government—and with our international local government partners—to help resettle Syrian refugees in Canada, while displaying the leadership that local governments are known for.”

In closing, I offer my apologies for the lateness of this report. Upon checking my notes, I realized that I had been remiss in submitting this earlier.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Lynda Hundleby

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