



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Report from: Councillor Lynda Hundleby

Subject: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Summary – Meetings March 2016

Council Agenda: March 21, 2016

Recommendation

That Council receive the report from Councillor Hundleby re Federation of Canadian Municipalities Summary – Meetings March 2016.

Background

The distance to Sherbrooke, Quebec and the three-hour time difference requires a travel day at each end of the three days of meetings. This really serves to drive home the message that our country is vast where each province and territory is unique in its geography and in its culture. And as in British Columbia, each region has its diverse and varied differences. It really is a pleasure to participate at this level, to visit various areas, and to see our country from a different perspective. And while there are differences, there are as many similarities in our concerns for our communities and the trials and tribulations as we work towards better governance, better and more efficient use of tax dollars, in maintaining infrastructure, and improving the quality of life for our residents.

One of the many things that has come clear to me is our collective need to collaborate and come together in partnerships, at an informal, as well as formal level. It is clear that working together is an opportunity to learn from one another but also to leverage the strengths of each other in a united voice to senior governments. I see that FCM has made great strides as an organization in getting the attention of the federal government and in demonstrating that municipalities can be, and are, valued partners.

As a member of three Standing Committees of the FCM, I am aware that FCM staff have been meeting with federal staff and advising them on what is important to us – in policy-making, in resourcing, and where municipalities need resources the most. We have raised the issues of homelessness, high costs of protective services, and the impacts of local and global economies to our communities. Not only have we raised issues but also indicated a willingness to work on solutions together and made constructive suggestions to that end.

For additional information, I am pleased to provide the attached Summary Report provided by FCM. Thank you to Mayor and Council for this opportunity to serve.

http://www.fcm.ca/Documents/members_only/Board%20Book/docs/2016/Mar_2016-Report_to_Council.pdf?cldee=bHluZGEuaHVuZGxIYnIAZXNxdWltYWx0LmNh&utm_source=ClickDimensions&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2016%20Committee%20of%20the%20Whole%20-%20English

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Lynda Hundleby