

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE – JUNE 19, 2007**

### **THE 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FCM CONFERENCE**

#### **Recommendation**

The City Manager recommends that:

1. That the action items identified by the Mayor, the Councillors and the City Manager attending the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual FCM Conference be endorsed by Council;
2. That the City Manager monitor the progress of the implementation plan.

#### **Economic Impact**

The economic impacts associated with the action items arising from this report cannot be determined at this time. Economic Impacts associated with the items below will be identified in future reports from each action item.

#### **Communications Plan**

The Communication Plan associated with the action items arising from this report cannot be determined at this time. Communications Plans will be identified in future reports from each action item.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council on the outcome of the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual FCM Conference.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has been the national voice of municipal government in Canada since 1901. With more than circa 1,600 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 18 provincial and territorial municipal associations. The "Leading Change," FCM's 2007 Annual Conference and Municipal Expo™ provided informative seminars and workshops to thought-provoking plenary sessions and a dynamic trade show which featured 150 exhibitors. The conference allowed participants with an opportunity to discuss the challenging issues facing many municipalities today and how best to meet them in order to effect real change that benefits our residents. There were a confirmed 486 member municipalities represented at this year's conference and a total of 1900 participants at the event.

Following the event, the Vaughan Delegation participants met and identified action items that would be beneficial for the City of Vaughan to review and research. The proposed action items are listed as Attachment #1 and indicates the Mayor, individual Councillors and staff responsible. Also to note that the action items on the listing have not been noted as specific initiatives within any corporate document at the present time. The potential category that each action item falls under within the Draft Vaughan Vision 2020 has been populated.

In the future, through next years budgeting process, consideration will be given to have one Department coordinate grant funding at a corporate level.

### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

The objective of this report is to provide members of Council as a whole with actions identified through attendance at the FCM Conference. This report is consistent with the Vaughan Vision through promoting service excellence, community safety and developing collaborative solutions.

### **Regional Implications**

There may be requirements through various action items to liaise with the Region of York as well as neighboring municipalities.

### **Conclusion**

The FCM Conference provided very informative seminars and workshops and provided the delegation with an opportunity to discuss the challenging issues facing many municipalities today. A number of the key issues facing municipalities have already been captured in Vaughan's Strategic Plan. In light of all the information, sessions and workshops attended, some additional action items were identified as possible areas to review which should be incorporated into the Strategic Plan. We constantly strive to keep on top of the current challenges that we face as a municipality and how to best benefit our residents.

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