



MAYOR REPORT TO COUNCIL

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DATE: June 20, 2017

TO: COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: LYN HALL, MAYOR

SUBJECT: Items Transpiring at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference (FCM)

ATTACHMENT: Letter from FCM to Minister Duclos concerning FCM's adoption of a resolution in support of an intergovernmental dialogue on poverty reduction.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report dated June 20, 2017 from Mayor Lyn Hall titled "Items Transpiring at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)", BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

PURPOSE:

For Council's information.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

At the last meeting of Council, it was exciting to publicly acknowledge Councillor Frizzell for his election as Third Vice-President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). I am happy to provide this update to Council on other items that transpired during FCM 2017.

1. Members of FCM voted in support of a resolution from Prince George calling on the Government of Canada to facilitate a Federal/Provincial/Territorial/Municipal dialogue on poverty reduction to ensure that a Canadian Poverty Reduction Strategy aligns with and supports local and regional actions. FCM is also calling on the Government of Canada to engage in dialogue with Indigenous organizations.

The letter from FCM to the Federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development is attached to this report.

2. I spoke at a popular conference workshop that presented innovative solutions to local economic challenges. Three municipalities were featured, and each was paired with an industry representative. Prince George was paired with the Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC), which represents more than a dozen forest products companies, including Canfor. The

presentation provided an overview of the local economy and the presence of the forest products industry (lumber, pulp and paper, bioenergy, Government and industry administration, trucking, reforestation, etc.) with regards to manufacturing and local employment. I explained that Prince George is leveraging this industrial activity and connecting it to education, research, and our geographic location to realize increased opportunities for the community and region. This includes the growth of bioenergy, the Wood Innovation and Design Centre, and the new wood innovation research laboratory now under construction. FPAC also described the development of Canfor's biocrude facility in Prince George.

Together, we conveyed that Prince George is an ideal location for ongoing forest product development and innovation, tied to the sustainability of the resource and the involvement of communities. It was one of the most popular workshops at FCM with nearly 300 people in attendance.

3. The location of FCM in Ottawa provided an ideal opportunity to have meetings with government officials and association representatives. In addition to the Forest Products Association, we had meetings about FCM's upcoming infrastructure and sustainability programs, and we met with the President and Executive Director of the Canadian Paralympic Association. We also received information about Federal infrastructure funding programs from the Ministry of Infrastructure and Communities, during a meeting that MP Doherty's office helped to arrange.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Lyn Hall, Mayor

MEETING DATE: June 26, 2017