Fraser Valley Regional District

CORPORATE REPORT

To: Regional and Corporate Services Committee
From: Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer

Date: 2018-06-12
File No. 0230-24

Subject: FCM Special Advocacy Fund

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Regional and Corporate Services Committee provide staff with direction on the FCM Special Advocacy Fund.

BACKGROUND

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities is asking Local Governments to consider providing a voluntary contribution to a Special Advocacy Fund to support FCM's goal of reaching out to each Federal Party in an intensive, multi-faceted strategy that integrates polling, detailed platform development, sustained outreach and an innovative communications and media plan. The intent of the communication plan is to keep municipal priorities front and center heading into Election 2019. Please see attached information.

COST

$16,300.00

CONCLUSION

FCM is asking the FVRD to contribute an additional $16,300.00 per year, in addition to our $45,233.57 annual membership fee; The FVRD covers all of the municipal fees and electoral area fees for FCM.

COMMENTS BY:

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

The Regional Administration financial plan does not have the ability to absorb a $16,300 increase without a tax requisition increase. As the requisition for 2018 has been set, should the Board decide to contribute funds, it would be recommended to be funded from the prior year surplus account. Moving forward into 2019 would require an increase to the annual tax requisition.