



STAFF REPORT

Title: Inter-City Forum on Social Policy - Membership Cost Distribution

Meeting Date: April 16, 2019

Executive Summary:

Cold Lake and District Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) provides locally driven, preventative social initiatives that aim to improve the quality of life for individuals and families. Provincially, the FCSS Program receives its mandate from the Family and Community Support Services Act and the Family and Community Support Services Regulation pursuant to the Act.

Each year the City of Cold Lake participates with other Alberta cities and major urban area to share information, network and advocate with the aim of addressing social policy, programing and services issues that are a concern to Alberta's urban municipalities.

The purpose of this report is to check-in with Council to ensure that the mandate of the Forum are in-line with the City's aims and goals and whether the City should continue participating in the Inter-City Forum on Social Policy Forum.

Background:

Participating municipalities stretch from Lethbridge to Fort McMurray to Grande Prairie to Cold Lake. Approximately forty (40) municipalities along with Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA), Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and Government of Alberta participated at the forums. The types of people attending include mayors, councillors, policy analysts and municipal administration.

In 2016, Council expressed interest in respectfully removing itself from the meetings due competing priorities and other commitments however resolved to continue its involvement after the group appealed to City Council for its continued involved in the meetings.

Recently the City received an invoice from the City of Edmonton to share in the cost of hosting the Forums. The Forum meets three (3) times annually. It should be noted that the fees are "minimal" being \$268. Administration is only raising the issue based on the new commitment and the will budget for these expenses into future budget.



Alternatives:

Council may consider the following options:

1. Council continue their participation in the Inter-City Forum on Social Policy and cost related to the Forum be funded through the annual FCSS budget.
2. Council direct the City of Cold Lake to terminate the participation in the Inter-City Forum on Social Policy and cost related to the Forum be funded through the 2019 FCSS budget.
3. Council may review its committee appointments during its annual organizational meeting.
4. Council may receive this report as information

Recommended Action:

No action required for the continued involvement in the Inter-City Forum on Social Policy.

Budget Implications (Yes or No):

Yes

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