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To: Chair and Directors, Committee of the Whole
And To: Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Lore Schick, Deputy Corporate Officer/Executive Assistant
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Short Summary:

FCM Convention Attendance

Background:

Director Forseth has requested that the Committee of the Whole discuss Area Directors' attendance at Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) conventions and the rising costs of attending said convention and has submitted the following background information.

The current practice of the Cariboo Regional District for Area Directors' to attend FCM Conventions' is to utilize funding from the Area Director Initiative Fund with the exception of the Board Chair (or the Area Director he/she delegates attendance to) whose expenses to attend a FCM Convention are charged against the Administration Budget.

The current allotment for the Director Initiative Fund is \$5,000 and one of the permitted uses is attendance at FCM Conventions. Since the Fund was created back in November of 2011, this amount has not been modified (however the Director Initiative Fund Policy has evolved over time) and the cost to attend FCM is creeping upward to the point of matching or exceeding the available funding available.

Options available - going forward might include:

- 1) Change the annual allocation from \$5,000 to \$10,000 (or another lesser amount to be identified) for the Area Director Initiative Fund and the specific allocation by Electoral Area to be determined by the Area Director during the annual budget process
- 2) Charge FCM Costs to the Electoral Area Administration Budget and have a process to ensure that each Area Director has the opportunity to attend 1 FCM Convention in their term (similar to process used by the Thompson Nicola Regional District)

3) Maintain Status Quo

Attachments:

Receipt Only:

That the memorandum from Lore Schick, Deputy Corporate Officer/Executive Assistant, dated June 13, 2023, regarding Federation of Canadian Municipalities Convention attendance, be received. *Further action at the discretion of the Committee.*