

Notice of Motion

Jan 9th, 2012

RE: Bid to host 2014 Sustainable Communities Conference and Trade Show

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is seeking proposals from member municipalities interested in hosting the FCM Annual Sustainable Communities Conference and Trade Show, from February 12 - 14, 2014;

AND WHEREAS The City of Calgary has successfully hosted FCM Annual conferences on two previous occasions, in 1996 and in 2007;

AND WHEREAS it is estimated that The City would need to budget approximately \$400,000 in order to successfully host the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference in 2014;

AND WHEREAS should The City of Calgary's bid be successful, the full Conference budget would require Council consideration in November 2012 as part of the budget adjustments;

AND WHEREAS the Conference offers the opportunity for Calgary and the surrounding region to showcase its variety of sustainability initiatives;

AND WHEREAS the Conference also provides Calgary and the surrounding regions with the opportunity to promote itself to a national audience;

AND WHEREAS as a host city, The City of Calgary has the opportunity to showcase its services and programs through the delivery of potential study programs and education sessions for the conference;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council directs the Administration to submit a proposal to FCM, by its January 20, 2012 deadline, to host the 2014 Sustainable Communities Conference and Trade Show.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve, in principal, funding of up to \$500,000 from the Fiscal Stability Reserve for hosting the Conference, should we be successful, with a final budget being brought to Council as part of the 2013 Budget Adjustments in November 2012.