

Report CCR-CS-23-16

To: Chair Eccles and Members of the Corporate Services Committee
From: Sharon Vokes
Meeting Date: July 26, 2016
Subject: **Council Conferences for 2017**
Status: Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution CS58-16; Endorsed by County Council August 2, 2016 per Resolution CC99-16

Recommendation(s)

THAT Report CCR-CS-23-16 regarding council conference eligibility for 2017 be received;

AND THAT for 2017 the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be considered an eligible conference as it is being held in Ontario.

Background

The County's Conference Policy for Councillors (ADM-04-07-002) enables councillors to attend two conferences per year. The conferences that are allowed are those associated with AMO, OGRA and the Southwest Municipal Conference. The Warden is entitled to attend all of these conferences as well as FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities). Currently the approved conferences are:

- AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario)
- OGRA (Ontario Good Roads Association)
- ROMA (Rural Ontario Municipal Association)
- OSUM (Ontario Small Urban Municipalities)
- Human Services Symposium
- Ontario Municipal Southwest Conference

Councillors who are board members on one of the approved associations through their membership on County Council may attend an additional conference.

Exceptions to the policy may be approved by the Corporate Services Committee.

The purpose of this report is to seek direction for 2017 as FCM will be held in Ontario. In the past, the Committee has approved these requests. It would be helpful when staff send out notice to councillors of eligible conferences to know if FCM would be eligible in 2017.

The other item the Committee members might wish to think about is how to ensure that the County is represented at the different eligible conferences.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/Information Technology Considerations

Both AMO and FCM will be in Ottawa in 2017. This does result in some increased costs as they will be eligible for an additional day of per diem and mileage will be slightly higher because of the distance. Currently an extra per diem is paid for conferences that are greater than 500 kms from the County Administration Building.

There are no staffing, legal or information technology related considerations.

Link to Strategic Goals/Priorities

Not applicable

Attachments: None

Respectfully submitted by,

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