

DATE OF MEETING | FEBRUARY 3, 2020 |

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SUBJECT | ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES RESOLUTION – MUNICIPAL PRICE INDEX

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council direction regarding a resolution for submission to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Convention. |

Recommendation

That Council direct Staff to submit the following resolution to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities for consideration at their 2020 Annual General Meeting:

WHEREAS Local Government and household spending are often compared by taxpayers through the lens of the Consumer Price Index which measures changes in the prices paid by household consumers for goods and services;

AND WHEREAS Local Government purchases do not fall into the same category as household purchases with respect to the types of goods each purchases;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the Provincial Government to create a Municipal Price Index that more accurately reflects the projected costs of the types of goods that municipalities purchase.

BACKGROUND

The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) 2020 Annual General Meeting will be held April 17-19, 2020 in Nanaimo. AVICC members are invited to submit resolutions on topics that fall under local government purview are specific and focus on new issues of provincial or AVICC-wide interest. Resolutions that are endorsed at AVICC are automatically forwarded to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) conference for debate.

At the Special Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting held 2020-JAN-20, the Governance and Priorities Committee passed the following motion:

It was moved and seconded that the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend that Council forward to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities a resolution to lobby for the Province to identify a Municipal Price Index.

Staff have drafted a resolution for Council's consideration and are requesting Council's direction to proceed.

DISCUSSION

The deadline to submit resolutions to AVICC is Thursday, February 6, 2020. |

OPTIONS

1. That Council direct Staff to submit the following resolution to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities for consideration at their 2020 Annual General Meeting:

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AND WHEREAS Local Government purchases do not fall into the same category as household purchases with respect to the types of goods each purchases;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the Provincial Government to create a Municipal Price Index that more accurately reflects the projected costs of the types of goods that municipalities purchase.

- The advantages of this option: The draft resolution will be forwarded to AVICC within the deadline.
 - The disadvantages of this option: If Council wishes to make changes to the resolution, any changes would need to be made at the Council meeting due to the upcoming AVICC resolution deadline.
 - Financial Implications: There are no financial implications identified at this time.
2. That Council provide alternative direction.
 - The advantages of this option: Council may wish to adjust the wording of the draft resolution.
 - The disadvantages of this option: The deadline for submission is Thursday, February 6, 2020 and any changes would need to be made during the Council meeting.
 - Financial Implications: There are no financial implications identified at this time. |

SUMMARY POINTS

- The Governance and Priorities Committee identified Municipal Price Index as a resolution topic for submission to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Convention.
- Council is requested to provide direction regarding the draft resolution.
- The deadline for submission to AVICC is 2020-FEB-06.

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