



BOARD REPORT

TO: Chair and Directors

File No: 5360 01

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding – Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

DESCRIPTION: Report from Ben Van Nostrand, Team Leader, Environmental Health Services, dated May 22, 2019. Memorandum of Understanding with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to support the Vietnam Municipal Solid Waste Management Project.

RECOMMENDATION #1: THAT: the Board empower the authorized signatories to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding agreement with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in support of implementation of the Vietnam Municipal Solid Waste Management Program for a two and half year term, expiring March 31, 2021.

SHORT SUMMARY:

In March 2019, the Environmental Health Services Team Leader travelled to Vietnam in a Federation of Canadian Municipalities led project entitled the (FCM) Vietnam Municipal Solid Waste Management Program (VnSWM). The mission was successful and the FCM would like to continue the project with the CSR. The FCM has requested the CSR engage in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to continue its partnership in the project for the remaining term to March 31, 2021. The main objective of the MOU is to utilize Canadian municipal expertise to assist in the provision of technical assistance, advice, training and sharing of best practices with partner municipalities in Vietnam.

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BACKGROUND:

The FCM and the Association of Cities in Vietnam (ACVN) entered into an agreement to jointly implement the Improved Municipal Solid Waste Practices program to reduce “Short-lived Climate Pollutants” (SLCP) in the Vietnam Project, commonly called the VnSWM project. Funded by Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), VnSWM is aligned with both Canada’s and Vietnam’s commitments under the Paris Agreement to combat climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The two and a half year project (ending March 31, 2021) supports two medium-size cities in Vietnam, Bac Giang and Hoi An, to implement innovative “Pilot Initiatives” that contribute to the reduction of SLCPs by improving practices in municipal solid waste management. SLCP include methane and other greenhouse gases generated by organic wastes that are not properly managed. Pilot Initiatives include strategies to reduce, capture and divert organic waste destined to landfills, rehabilitate landfills, treat organic wastes and produce compost.

In March 2019 the Environmental Health Services Team Leader participated in a trip to Vietnam to begin the process of site visits and to engage with ACVN staff to provide technical assistance, advice, training and sharing of best practices from the CSR. Future missions to complete the work that commenced in 2019 are in the planning stages. There is the possibility that the CSR will host staff and politicians

from ACVN to tour and share successful solid waste management projects throughout the CSRD and neighbouring regional districts.

POLICY:

The FCM requires a Board resolution which confirms the CSRD supports and is committed to the project.

FINANCIAL:

There are no financial implications to the CSRD, as no financial commitment is expected of the CSRD for the project. The CSRD's contribution to the project is the in-kind salary contribution for volunteer time spent by the Environmental Health Services Team Leader. The FCM and the VnSWM program will cover CSRD travel, accommodation, insurance, and meal expense through funding from Global Affairs Canada.

KEY ISSUES/CONCEPTS:

Board authorization is required by the FCM to establish a formal relationship to support the implementation of the VnSWM program and formalize the principles of cooperation between the CSRD and FCM.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A copy of the Board resolution will be forwarded to FCM, along with the endorsed MOU.

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

The Board endorse the resolution in support the CSRD's continued participation in the VnSWM project to March 31, 2021.

BOARD'S OPTIONS:

1. *Endorse the Recommendation.*
2. *Deny the Recommendation.*
3. *Defer.*
4. *Any other action deemed appropriate by the Board.*

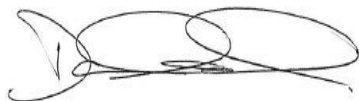
LIST NAME OF REPORT(S) / DOCUMENT(S) AVAILABLE FROM STAFF:

1. VnSWM Program Memorandum of Understanding - FCM and CSRD.

Report Approval Details

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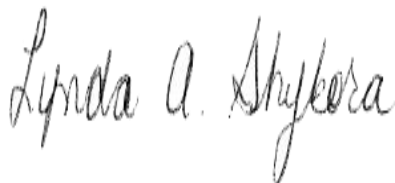
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