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County of St. Paul No. 19
5015 - 49 Avenue
St. Paul, AB T0A 3A4
Attention: Council

Re: FCM Women in Municipal Government Fund – Request for Support

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) supports increased participation of women in local government. This is accomplished through education and programs that support and encourage women to get involved in local politics and leadership. FCM offers three scholarship programs that encourage this philosophy as follows:

- 1) Canadian Women in Municipal Government Scholarship: open to women students enrolled in any year of study in secondary school and who are contributing to their school's leadership team or student council,
- 2) Mayor Andree Boucher Memorial Scholarship: Rewarding student research on women in politics,
- 3) Ann McLean Award: recognizes retired women municipal politicians who have shown exemplary service to their community and constituents and to mentoring women who want to run for elected office.

The annual FCM Conference is a great opportunity to raise awareness and funds to support these initiatives and each FCM Regional Caucus takes it upon themselves to fundraise for this program when the annual conferences takes place in their region. This year the conference is being held in Alberta (Edmonton) and the Prairie and Territories Caucus has been challenged to meet or beat the funds raised by the Ontario Caucus.

Our Caucus would like to challenge all municipalities across Alberta to assist us with this challenge by donating \$100.00 towards this worthwhile program. All funds donated by Alberta municipalities will be added to the fundraising campaign completed during the conference and the grand total will be announced at the conference Annual General Meeting on June 7th, 2015.

Lac Ste. Anne County will be collecting all donated funds on behalf of this FCM program and will be submitting a final overall cheque of all funds collected to the FCM at the completion of the conference fundraising campaign. If your municipality is willing to contribute to this fundraising campaign, please make your cheque payable to Lac Ste. Anne County, indicate on stub that it is for the "Women in Government" fundraiser and mail to the following address prior to May 20th, 2015:

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Box 219
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Attention: Teresa Olsen

On behalf of our Caucus, I encourage your municipality to assist us in showing how Alberta supports and champions Women in Municipal Government!

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact myself at lolsvik@lsac.ca, or Executive Secretary Teresa Olsen at tolsen@lsac.ca or Toll Free 1-866-880-5722.

Sincerely,



Lorne Olsvik
Chair of the FCM Prairies and Territories Regional Caucus
Councillor, Lac Ste. Anne County

c.c. FCM