



To: Members of the General Committee

From: Maggie Braun, Canada's Councils on Local Environmental Issues

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**Report: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) 2024 Election –
City of Peterborough Representation, Report COU24-003**

Subject

Councillor Duguay has expressed an interest in running for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of Directors to represent the City of Peterborough. An official endorsement must be made by the municipality in order for this process to go forward.

Recommendations

While we appreciate Councillor Duguay willingness and dedication to representing the interest of Peterborough we recommend that the General Committee reject the recommendations outlined in Report COU24-002, dated April 22, 2024:

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) advocates for the interests of Ottawa, as well as various international organizations and lobbyist groups within our communities.

WHEREAS FCM focuses on promoting progressive policies to achieve sustainable development goals. These policies may require some adjustments in the lifestyle of the residents of its member municipalities, including Agenda 2030, Agenda 2050, and adopting a net-zero emissions target by 2050.

WHEREAS it is important to acknowledge that according to Section 92 of the Constitution, municipalities fall under the exclusive jurisdiction of provinces. However, we have observed that the federal government has been involved in municipal affairs through FCM, which may pose a challenge to our local governance.

WHEREAS it is important for the Council of the City of Peterborough to prioritize the allocation of municipal funds towards fulfilling the needs of the city. This will ensure that the funds are

utilized for the betterment of the city and its residents. It's crucial to ensure that the funds are not diverted towards any external or ideological interests.

BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the City of Peterborough respectfully decline the endorsement of Councillor Kevin Duguay to FCM's Board of Directors for the period starting in June 2024 and ending June 2025. While we acknowledge his qualifications, we are apprehensive that his appointment may prioritize the interests of Ottawa and international organizations over those of our city. We hope that the FCM will consider our concerns and take them into account when making their decisions moving forward.

FURTHERMORE Peterborough's Local Council on Local Issues would welcome Councillor Kevin Duguay a position on our Board of Directors once officially established and should the City of Peterborough approve of the appointment of a council member. We meet monthly to discuss ways to ensure that sustainable development policies, while important, do not deliberately or inadvertently disrupt or restrict our cherished Canadian way of life.

Further Reading

[*Council of the Federation, November 5-6, 2023*](#)

*A Municipal Primer on the United Nations Conference
on Environment and Development*

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