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**REPORT TO CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017**

SUBJECT **Federation of Canadian Municipalities International Programs**

ISSUE

The CRD and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) have established a formal relationship to support the implementation of international development programs in Peru and FCM has now expressed an interest in having the CRD potentially work with a region including 12 municipalities in the country of Jordan.

BACKGROUND

In consultation with the Chair and past Chairs, the CAO was encouraged to pursue opportunities for the CRD to be engaged with and participate in FCM initiatives, such as the FCM international development programs. In 2016 and 2017 the CRD participated in Canadian missions to the Ancash region of Peru to participate in strategic planning and provide local government expertise to resolve critical water and waste management issues as part of the Communities in Latin America Program (CISAL) program.

FCM is the national voice of municipal government in Canada and is dedicated to improving the quality of life and sustainability of local communities by promoting strong, effective and accountable municipal government. Its members include 2,000 municipal governments including the CRD, which represent over 90 percent of Canada's population, and 19 provincial and territorial municipal associations.

The main objective of FCM international development partnerships is to engage Canadian municipal expertise to assist in the provision of technical assistance, training and sharing of best practices with partner municipalities in other countries. Municipal contributions include sourcing of its municipal practitioners (elected officials and staff) on a volunteer basis or hosting delegations.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1:

That the CAO be authorized to enter into a partnership agreement with FCM's Jordan Municipal Support Project to support FCM initiatives in the country of Jordan if selected by FCM.

Alternative 2:

That the report on FCM's international development program be received for information.

IMPLICATIONS

The CRD would provide an in-kind salary contribution for the volunteer time of their staff. FCM will cover participant travel, accommodation, insurance, meal and other related expenses through funding provided by Global Affairs Canada.

RECOMMENDATION

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