

Subject: UBCM and FCM resolutions.

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The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of Canada's municipalities. It holds annual conventions to debate submitted resolutions and if they are adopted, they become the guide posts for further FCM action. That is the purpose of resolutions and the FCM itself. An FCM Convention was recently held in Hamilton Ontario and was attended by two members of District Council.


Since the present Council was elected, however, it has become increasingly difficult to submit resolutions, at least for me.

Under the present ruling, a brain child of Mayor Bell, this to all intents and purposes means that any motion I make must be seconded by a CCA endorsed member of District Council first. It's like a member of the NDP in Victoria having to ask a Liberal member of the House to second his/her motion first before it can be introduced and explained to the Legislature.

But none of the other members of the present District Council have submitted any resolutions either. The result is that despite the many pressing issues, not a single resolution was submitted to this years FCM Convention by the District. When I recently raised this matter on Council the Mayor claimed that he had submitted a resolution to the FCM but there is no record of this. Neither to the best of my knowledge was there any debate on Council of any such resolution.

To deny resolutions from going forward for purely narrow partisan reasons is apparently easier for Councillors than doing the work themselves. The recent FCM Convention was attended by two Council members. One was Mayor Don Bell and the other Councillor Denault. The cost were borne by the District taxpayers.

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