



CITY OF LANGLEY
COUNCIL MEMBER MOTION

CanWill Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Grant – Mayor van den Broek

WHEREAS Canadian Women in Local Leadership (CanWILL) has developed a three-year (2021-2024) project implemented by FCM in collaboration with key national partners and funded by the federal government through Women and Gender Equality Canada (WAGE);

WHEREAS women face systemic barriers when running for municipal office and once elected, this grant application will provide tools for women wanting to participate in government and offer support once elected. This includes addressing gender-based violence (GBV) and harassment, systemic bias and racism, all of which have been identified as significant obstacles to women's participation;

WHEREAS funds from the department of Women and Gender Equality (WAGE), through the Canadian Women in Local Leadership (CanWILL) project, would be aimed at strengthening the capacity of communities to support women, particularly those who are underrepresented (Indigenous, Black, racialized, LGBTQ2S+, youth, other), who run for, assume, and/or remain in leadership positions in local government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Langley support the application of a grant to FCM.