

Resolution Title	Meeting	Resolution Status
National Pharmacare Program	Annual Conference - June 2016 - Winnipeg, MB	Adopted
Resolution	Sponsor(s)	
<p>WHEREAS, The City of Vancouver has recognized and has demonstrated over the past years its commitment to the importance of healthy citizens as the foundation of a healthy, engaged and economically vibrant community; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, The over 3 million Canadians, including many in our local communities, don't take medicines prescribed by their doctors because they can't afford them; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Canada is currently the ONLY country with a national medicare program that does not have a national pharmacare program; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, The risk of having no insurance for medicines is high among lower income Canadians which includes the service industry, precarious working and seasonal workers; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, The studies show that adding a national pharmacare program to our national health care system would lower costs to businesses by over \$8 billion per year, providing Canadian companies competitive advantages in international trade; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, The recent research confirms that these gains can be achieved with little or no increase in public investment; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Municipal government expenses for employee benefits would be significantly reduced by a national pharmacare program; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, A national prescription drug formulary would support better quality prescribing, including reducing dangerous and inappropriate prescribing to Canadian seniors; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, A National Pharmacare plan is a sound policy, both economically and socially, the City of Vancouver express its support for the creation of a National Pharmacare program as an extension of Canadian Medicare, since health and economic studies now show that such as policy would improve health in municipalities, give local businesses a competitive advantage in the global marketplace and lower costs for municipal government on taxpayers; therefore be it</p> <p>RESOLVED, That FCM call on the federal government to work with the provinces and territories to develop and implement a National Pharmacare program.</p>	<p>Regional Municipality of Durham, ON</p> <p>City of Vancouver, BC</p> <p>City of North Vancouver, BC</p> <p>City of Burnaby, BC</p> <p>Region of Peel, ON</p> <p>City of Nelson, BC</p> <p>Town of Ajax, ON</p> <p>Cape Breton Regional Municipality, NS</p> <p>Town of Whitby, ON</p> <p>City of Port Coquitlam, BC</p>	