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### **MAYOR FENNELL ELECTED TO 3<sup>RD</sup> TERM AS FCM ONTARIO CAUCUS CHAIR**

BRAMPTON, ON: In meetings held yesterday by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Mayor Susan Fennell was re-elected as Chair of the Ontario Caucus for a third straight term.

The 72<sup>nd</sup> annual FCM conference is taking place in Whistler, British Columbia from June 5 – 8, and brings together elected officials from more than 1,775 Canadian municipalities to discuss policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction. The theme of this year's forum is "Partnering for Success".

"I'm honoured to be returning as Chair of the FCM Ontario Caucus," said Mayor Fennell. "We know that cities are the economic engines of the country, and that our success directly contributes to Canada's prosperity. It's critical that Ontario's municipalities continue to work with the federal government to access much-needed stimulus funding to create jobs and spur local economies."

FCM is committed to tackling the environmental, social and economic challenges that cities face, and promoting strong partnerships between federal and municipal levels of government. Discussions at this year's meeting have focused on strategies to combat the global economic downturn, with FCM members calling on the federal government to continue providing stimulus funding for local infrastructure projects.

Mayor Fennell is a member of the FCM's National Board of Directors and the Big City Mayors Caucus, and has served three terms as the Chair of the FCM Infrastructure and Transportation Committee.

**About Brampton:** The 11th largest city in Canada, Brampton has a successful, well-diversified economy and is home to more than 8,000 businesses. The City continues to retain a Triple 'A' credit rating by Standard & Poor for the third consecutive year, reflecting its debt-free position, exceptional liquidity levels and excellent economy. The City's 2009 operating budget is \$400.8 million and approved funding for its overall capital program stands at \$700 million. Brampton celebrates its diverse population that represents people from more than 175 distinct ethnic backgrounds who speak over 70 different languages. Offering more than 6,000 acres of parkland, Brampton takes pride in being the Flower City of Canada and won the 2008 International Communities in Bloom competition. It is also the first city in the GTA and one of only 10 in North America to have been designated as an International Safe Community by the World Health Organization. For more information visit [www.brampton.ca](http://www.brampton.ca)

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