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## **MAYOR FENNEL APPLAUDS STIMULUS DEADLINE EXTENSION**

BRAMPTON, ON: Brampton Mayor Susan Fennell applauds yesterday's announcement by the federal government to extend the deadline for completing projects receiving infrastructure stimulus funding to October 31, 2011.

In her recent visit to Ottawa, Mayor Fennell, in her role as a member of the National Board of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), advocated for this extension. Through sit-down meetings and discussions, she connected with federal counterparts to educate key decision-makers about municipal challenges and goals, and to advocate for local priorities. Yesterday's announcement will help municipalities across Canada continue to put every last stimulus dollar to work in creating jobs and addressing infrastructure needs.

"I am very pleased with this announcement as it allows for flexibility for municipalities who may be facing challenges in meeting the original deadline. The City of Brampton has worked very hard to keep our stimulus projects on track and, barring any unforeseen circumstances, our projects will be completed on time by March 31," says Mayor Fennell. "As the stimulus program winds down, we look forward to continue working with our federal and provincial partners to protect the gains we've made and to plan for the long term."

Mayor Fennell has, with her past work with FCM, helped to secure for the City of Brampton more than \$41 million in funding from both the federal and provincial governments through the economic stimulus programs and more than \$47 million through the Gas Tax program. This has helped to address Brampton's current 10-year \$380 million infrastructure deficit.

In addition to sitting on the National Board, Mayor Fennell is also a member of the FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus, and is serving her fourth consecutive term as FCM Ontario Caucus Chair.

**About Brampton:** The 11<sup>th</sup> 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's, reflecting its successful economy and debt-free position. Brampton celebrates its diverse population that represents people from more than 175 distinct ethnic backgrounds who speak more than 70 different languages. Offering more than 6,000 acres of parkland, Brampton takes pride in being known as the Flower City of Canada. Brampton has 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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