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**MAYOR FENNELL IN OTTAWA TO KEEP
MUNICIPAL PRIORITIES ON THE NATIONAL AGENDA**

BRAMPTON, ON: Mayor Susan Fennell, along with the National Board of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), is in Ottawa from November 17 – 19 to meet with Cabinet Ministers, Committee Chairs and various Members of Parliament from all parties, as part of FCM's annual "Advocacy Days" campaign.

Municipal leaders across Canada will connect with their federal counterparts, educate key decision-makers about shared challenges and goals, and advocate for local policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction. This year's specific objectives include:

- Thanking Parliament for investing in local communities through the Economic Action Plan and the permanent Gas Tax Fund;
- Encouraging Parliament to protect recent investments in municipal infrastructure from spending cuts and downloading, as the federal government fights its budget deficit;
- Urging Parliament to immediately start working with municipalities to design the next generation of long-term infrastructure and affordable housing programs.

In her meetings with federal officials, Mayor Fennell will also highlight local priorities within the City of Brampton, such as the need for long-term predictable funding to address Brampton's current 10-year \$380 million infrastructure deficit.

"Municipalities across the country are facing many of the same issues," says Mayor Fennell. "That's why it's so important for us to come together, as a community of leaders, to advocate for key municipal priorities on the national stage. If we can affect positive change as a group, it will undoubtedly help to benefit each of our individual communities."

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 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'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

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