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**MAYOR FENNELL TO SERVE 4TH CONSECUTIVE TERM
AS FCM ONTARIO CAUCUS CHAIR**

BRAMPTON, ON: In meetings held yesterday by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Mayor Susan Fennell was acclaimed to her 4th consecutive term as Chair of the Ontario Caucus.

“I’m thrilled to serve, once again, in this most important position,” said Mayor Fennell. “In this role, I will work to ensure that the priorities of Ontario’s municipalities are addressed at the federal level, and that our hard-fought gains in achieving long-term funding, like the Gas Tax Fund and 100 percent GST Rebate, are protected.”

FCM’s 73rd Annual Conference and Municipal Expo took place from May 28 – 31, 2010 at Toronto’s Sheraton Centre and brought together elected officials from more than 1,775 Canadian municipalities to discuss policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction.

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 conference focused on the need for cooperation among all orders of government to effectively solve key issues within local communities, such as job creation, homelessness and traffic gridlock, while also addressing issues of national importance, like Canada’s global competitiveness.

Mayor Fennell is also a member of the FCM’s National Board of Directors and Big City Mayors Caucus, and previously served three terms as Chair of the 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’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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