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To: Mayor Olivia Chow, Chair and Executive Committee

Re: Report on Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual General Meeting – June 4-7, 2026

Recommendation:

1. Toronto City Council receive the Report on Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Committee Annual General Meeting on June 4-7, 2026, in Edmonton, Alberta.

Background

This report provides an overview of my participation in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) 2026 Annual Conference and Trade Show, held from June 4 to 7, 2026, in Edmonton, Alberta. The conference, themed *Building the Future Together*, brought together elected officials, municipal staff, federal representatives and sector partners from across Canada to discuss shared municipal priorities and emerging challenges.

During the conference, I participated in discussions with municipal leaders, federal officials, policy experts and industry partners on issues critical to cities and communities, including housing, infrastructure, public safety, economic development, climate resilience and municipal finance.

Key discussions focused on the growing pressures municipalities face in responding to population growth, housing affordability, infrastructure demands and the impacts of climate change. Delegates emphasized the importance of strong intergovernmental collaboration and sustained investment in local infrastructure and services. Housing supply and affordability remained central themes, with municipalities sharing innovative approaches to accelerating housing development, addressing homelessness and improving access to affordable housing.

The conference also provided valuable opportunities to exchange ideas with municipal colleagues from across the country on fiscal sustainability, infrastructure renewal, economic competitiveness and approaches to meeting increasing service demands. These conversations reinforced the importance of coordinated municipal advocacy and highlighted best practices that may inform Toronto's ongoing work.

A notable policy discussion focused on strengthening Canada's local information infrastructure and the role of community, Indigenous and campus media in supporting public engagement, emergency communications and local decision-making. Delegates recognized the importance of trusted local communication systems in combating misinformation, strengthening civic participation and enhancing community resilience.

Overall, the conference reinforced the value of collaboration, innovation and advocacy in addressing the complex issues facing municipalities and provided opportunities to advance priorities that are important to the City of Toronto and its residents. The conference also marked FCM's 125th anniversary.

Sincerely,

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