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MEMORANDUM

TO:Chair and Members of the Environment and Sustainability Standing CommitteeCC:Phoebe Rai, Legislative AssistantFROM:Councillor Bill KarstenDATE:September 24, 2015SUBJECT:Federation of Canadian Municipalities Update

Key FCM Highlights:

1) FCM ad hoc member of National Zero Waste (NZW) position 2) 2016 FCM Sustainable Communities Conference.



Where all roads to sustainability meet!

FCM's 2016 Sustainable Communities Conference

comes home to Canada's capital from February 9– 11. It's a unique opportunity to connect with peers, explore through focused training sessions and study tours, and experience delegate-driven content through a wealth of workshops and plenary sessions.

We know you are committed to achieving a more sustainable future for your community. Like you, FCM is a leader in supporting municipal sustainable development through its programs and services.

Our exceptional 2016 program focuses on innovative and emerging practices as well as proven good practices. Small or large ... urban, rural or remote ... no matter where your community is on the road to sustainability, the conference offers an unparalleled program that delivers both demonstrated solutions and fresh insights to the challenges we all face.

These are just a few of the reasons that the conference is widely recognized as Canada's premier municipal sustainability gathering; but don't just take our word for it — hear what our <u>2015 delegates</u> had to say.

Early bird registration is now open. Please join us — and hundreds of local sustainability leaders from cities and communities across the country — for a conference experience you won't find anywhere else!