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WELLAND DELEGATES BACK FROM FCM CONFERENCE

City of Welland Councillors joined more than 2,000 municipal leaders from across the country to discuss developments and long-term goals of Canada's local governments at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference.

This year's conference and tradeshow, themed *Building Better Lives*, were hosted in Quebec City from May 30 to June 2. The conference provided municipal leaders with a chance to learn best practices, gain new insights to solving municipal challenges, network with thousands of delegates from across the country, influence the municipal agenda while hearing from federal party leaders, and build better inter-governmental relationships.

Welland's team of delegates had the opportunity to meet other Canadian decision-makers and hear from Federal leaders, including Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Conservative leader Andrew Scheer, NDP leader Jagmeet Singh, and Green Party leader Elizabeth May. The FCM Conference also featured panel discussions, policy workshops, study tours, and a trade show with 177 exhibitors.

This year's delegation team included Mayor Frank Campion, Councillor John Chiocchio, Councillor Graham Speck, Councillor Adam Moote, Councillor Bryan Green, and Councillor Lucas Spinosa.

"There were multiple themes at this year's FCM Conference but two of them, climate change and affordable housing, were a bit more dominant," said Mayor Frank Campion. "Of particular interest were discussions on the link between asset management and climate change. Municipalities exist in order to provide services, and extreme weather events can be a threat to service delivery."

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities is the national voice of local government, with nearly 2,000 member cities and communities representing more than 90 percent of Canadians. For more information on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference, visit fcm.ca. For more information on City of Welland's strategic priorities, visit welland.ca.

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