

## FCM BRIEFING NOTES

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee  
Thursday, November 15, 2018 9:30 a.m.  
LEGAL TRADITIONS COMMITTEE ROOM

### **7.2 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (Verbal), IGA2018-1269**

#### **A) Upcoming FCM events/meetings**

##### November Board Meeting and Advocacy Days

The FCM Board will meet again in Ottawa from November 19-23 to conduct regular FCM business through the meetings of the standing committees, regional caucuses and provincial and territorial association representatives. The meetings can also be expected to continue the development of FCM's 2019 federal election strategy, providing an important opportunity for feedback and direction.

The November Board Meetings also coincide with FCM's annual Advocacy Days. At this time, Board members and FCM staff will meet with parliamentarians from all major parties to increase understanding of the federal-municipal relationship, promote the vision of municipalities as an order of government, and advance concrete policy priorities as approved by the Board of Directors.

#### **B) FCM initiatives**

On November 5, FCM launched its latest initiative aimed at increasing the representation of women serving in politics: Toward Parity in Municipal Politics. Toward Parity will build on the work of our previous Women in Local Government programs, with the mission of launching a pan-Canadian plan to work toward equal representation of women in local office. As Council has given direction for The City of Calgary to seek participation in related programs, Administration will work with FCM to share information and identify opportunities for input. However, it appears that most of the direction for this initiative will come from consultations with provincial and territorial municipal associations, and so we will also consider how to shape this work through AUMA.

