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Warden Timothy Habinski elected to national FCM board to help shape Canada's future

Annapolis County, NS – Local Warden Timothy Habinski has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). Board elections took place at FCM's June 1-4 national conference, which drew 2,000 municipal leaders from across Canada to the nation's capital.

"It's a real honour to be chosen by my peers to serve on FCM's national board," said Warden Habinski. "Some of our biggest challenges here in Annapolis County are also national challenges—whether that's jobs, growth or climate change. I'll be taking our local realities to the FCM table, and we'll be pressing for federal action that makes life better here at home and across Canada."

FCM is the national voice for 2,000 local governments, representing more than 90 percent of all Canadians. As a member of FCM's board, Warden Habinski will help set the direction for an organization that is effectively transforming the role of municipalities on the national stage.

Over the last year, FCM has achieved unprecedented engagement with the federal government on local priorities. Following intensive advocacy by FCM, Federal Budget 2017 committed to invest \$81-billion in infrastructure over 11 years—including affordable housing, transit expansions, green infrastructure, and rural, northern and remote priorities.

"This is a critical year coming up for municipalities. We've got unprecedented federal investment on the table, but we need to make sure they get the details right. Then we'll be ready to turn investments into real outcomes in our community: better roads, faster commutes, more affordable housing, and cleaner air and water. And that means economic growth and a higher quality of life," said Warden Habinski.