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Councillor Taneen Rudyk attends FCM Board of Directors to map out nation-building priorities for the year ahead

Vegreville – Local Councillor Taneen Rudyk was joined by municipal leaders from across the country in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo to discuss how imminent decisions on the federal government’s national infrastructure plan and National Housing Strategy can transform cities and communities across Canada.

The federal government’s new \$81 billion Phase 2 infrastructure plan recognizes that investing in local infrastructure unlocks productive potential for workers, businesses and community members. From expanding public transit, roads networks and water systems, to building more climate–resilient communities, to supporting the priorities of rural, remote and northern communities - designed and delivered right, this commitment can build a better Canada and a better Vegreville.

“FCM has a critical year ahead to consolidate gains made for municipalities in Budget 2017 as the upcoming Integrated Bilateral Agreement negotiations for Phase 2 spending gets underway between the federal government, provinces and territories,” said Rudyk. “Key to moving transformative projects forward, we’ll need to see full and fair cost-sharing by all orders of government.”

Also on the agenda was the upcoming National Housing Strategy. Budget 2017 set aside \$15 billion to support the Strategy – the first of its kind in over 20 years - but the details of how that funding will be rolled out are critical.

“The National Housing Strategy has the potential to transform Canada’s housing system, but the federal government needs to get this right. That means focusing on fundamentals, not quick fixes. That means repairing social housing so vulnerable Canadians won’t see their homes shuttered. That means leveraging our local expertise to build new affordable homes that fit long-range community plans. This is the message we’re driving home,” added Rudyk.

Across Canada, in communities large and small, urban and rural, municipalities are the order of government closest to people’s lives. Their local solutions are helping tackle national challenges—from growth and productivity to climate change—and are building a more livable, competitive Canada.

FCM is the national voice of municipal government in Canada. Its [Board of Directors](#) represents communities of all sizes from coast to coast to coast.

Taneen Rudyk has served as a Vegreville Town Councillor since 2010, she is active on numerous committees including; Physician Recruitment, Economic Development & Tourism, Chamber of Commerce, Family Community Support Services, and Solid Waste Solutions. In March 2017 Rudyk was appointed to Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Board representing Towns East. At the June FCM conference, Taneen was elected to represent Alberta on the national scene. Currently, Rudyk sits on this federal board on the Alberta Representative on National Board of Directors. Rudyk is Vice Chair on the Standing Committee on Conference

Planning, on the Prairies/Territorial Regional Caucus, on the Committee of the Whole. Also on the standing Committee on Increasing Women's Participation in Municipal Government and on the Standing Committee on Environmental Issues and Sustainable Development. Rudyk is excited to bring the issues of rural Alberta to the national table

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