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Good morning Myron:

Could we place this item on the next RCM agenda under action correspondence. I am unsure how Council wishes to approach this conference? The early bird registration if put in before April 23 is \$600, and it is a 3.5 day conference to attend.

Normally those scheduled to attend would be looking at hotel and flight times by now and I hope that they are definitely able to take in the conference.

The purpose of putting this item on the agenda is to explore whether or not Council feels all members should be encouraged to attend, if able, because it is a virtual conference or if Council feels they should follow the procedure that was defined at the organizational meeting and only allow those scheduled to attend.

Thanks.

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## FCM's Annual Conference moves FORWARD!

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After a one-year hiatus due to COVID-19, we're delighted to offer you an engaging, online version of FCM's flagship event in 2021. Our Annual Conference and Trade Show is FCM's most anticipated event, and an absolute favourite among elected officials and municipal staff across the country.

This year, the conference runs from **May 31-June 4** as a COVID-safe virtual event.

You've seen how FCM has secured vital support for cities and communities through this unprecedented past year. Now it's time to come together and chart the way forward. Whether you've enjoyed past "ACs" or have always wanted to attend your first, *this* is the year to share the experience. Building connections among municipalities is essential as we move forward through the COVID-19 pandemic and gear up for a strong recovery.

Together this year, we'll celebrate the deep resilience of frontline local leaders. We'll look at what municipalities across the country need to keep moving forward—and how we can work together to make it happen.

**We're bringing the best of our previous conferences to life with an exceptional and flexible program that takes advantage of this year's online reality.**

- Through **workshops and networking**, you'll get new tools to tackle today's challenges—from affordable housing and rural economic growth to managing your workforce in 2021.
- As Canada's parliament debates national economic recovery solutions, you'll engage with **national party representatives** and **inspiring changemakers**.
- You'll learn about **federal tools** that FCM has secured for you—and how FCM's own unique mix of **funding, training and resources** can help you deliver for your residents.

- You'll help **shape the national municipal agenda** for this vital next year, by electing FCM's 2021-2022 Board of Directors (if you're an elected official from an FCM member municipality).
- At our **virtual trade show**, you'll connect with 80 partners and suppliers who'll be key allies in local recovery efforts.

Our program will feature shorter interactive workshops and unique opportunities for “virtual” networking. And to harness the energy, we're pleased to welcome back the incredible, dynamic and fluently bilingual Catherine Clark—renowned Canadian journalist and two-time AC emcee.

Visit our website to learn more about this year's program. Join us as we celebrate what we've all achieved on the front lines this past year and move forward together—strong and united—into the critical year ahead.



**Register by April 23 to qualify for the early-bird rate. If you're one of the first 1,000 to register, you will receive a delegate gift bag by mail with items from our sponsors.**

We'll be in touch soon with more exciting program announcements. Stay tuned!

*-The FCM events team*



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