



**Office of the Reeve**

November 1, 2024

Rural Municipalities of Alberta Member Municipalities

**Subject: Collaborative Stance on FCM Conference Attendance – Invitation for Rural Municipalities to Join**

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you on behalf of Wheatland County to explain our Council's decision regarding attendance at the upcoming Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) conference. After discussion and consideration, our Council has chosen not to participate in next year's FCM conference.

Our decision stems from growing concerns about how well the FCM's focus aligns with the unique needs and challenges of rural municipalities like ours. We believe the current structure and priorities of FCM do not provide sufficient opportunity to represent the distinct needs of rural communities.

In light of this, we are reaching out to all members of the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) to encourage the development of a unified stance on this matter. We want to explore the possibility of establishing a federal advocacy group or association that could more effectively amplify the voices of rural municipalities, ensuring our collective needs are represented with a stronger, more focused, and efficient voice. We will be bringing a resolution for consideration to the RMA Spring Convention 2025.

To move forward, we call on colleagues across Canada to join us in sending a letter outlining your concerns to FCM.

We plan to engage in further discussions with RMA and other stakeholders to explore how we can better address the diverse needs of Canadian rural municipalities. While we have decided not to attend next year's conference, we remain committed to working toward collaborative solutions that benefit all communities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to your response and support.

Sincerely,

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Reeve, Wheatland County  
On behalf of Wheatland County Council

cc: Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Wheatland County Council





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Association of Manitoba Municipalities  
Rural Ontario Municipal Association  
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