

BLAIR LANCASTER
FCM NOMINATION PLATFORM 2018



It's been a privilege to serve on the FCM Board of Directors, working on issues that are important to municipalities across Canada. During my time on the FCM Board of Directors I have been a constant contributor and strong advocate, and I hope you will re-appoint me to be on the 2018/2019 Board of Directors.

I have served on a number of Committees including Vice-Chair of International Affairs, Increasing Women's Participation in Government, Safety and Crime Prevention, Rural Forum, and Conference Planning. I represent the City of Burlington and the Region of Halton as a Councillor and hold a number of leadership roles including Chair of Committee of the Whole, Chair of Accessibility, past Chair of Administration and Finance, and Chair of the Anti-Bullying and Harassment Task Force.

During my time on Council I have been a champion for Inclusivity, Diversity and Accessibility issues. I've lead the change for Gender neutral washrooms, Epi Pens in city facilities, improved accessibility in parks and other City services and the recognition of Cultural Diversity at city and regional events. I believe the key to community building is for people to find their similarities rather than their differences. I am also responsible for the City of Burlington's international twinning relationship, which has allowed me to represent the community on international economic development missions to both the Netherlands and Japan. This role has also prepared me well for my work at FCM.

In my FCM Board of Directors role, not only have I enjoyed the advocacy but it has been exciting to bring back ideas from FCM such as increasing women's participation in government to my community. This past year I hosted a "Women in Gov" Event which consisted of a series of presentations and workshops to explore opportunities for women to participate in government. The workshops were designed to open doors, provide information, build confidence, and give real life experience to the participants. Event participants included Local MPs and MPPs, the Halton Regional Chair as well as senior government staff. Attendees were a cross section of women and men from across the Region. The event was so successful that other municipalities have requested that the event be held in their communities.

In summary I want you to know that I am an experienced leader, who's passionate about community building, and bringing our voice to the Federal Government. It is through my experiences that I have developed a broad skill set that includes raising awareness of priority issues, managing public and private partnerships, ensuring fiscal accountability and leading advocacy efforts to all levels of government.

Please Vote Blair Lancaster for Board of Directors Ontario Caucus.
