

**Mayor Ben Hendriksen  
Travel Report for the  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) 2025**

**Conference Report  
May 28 to June 1, 2025 (Conference dates May 29 to June 1)**

Day by day highlights are outlined below.

**WEDNESDAY MAY 28**

- Travel from Yellowknife to Ottawa

**THURSDAY MAY 29**

- Attended sessions on
  - Building equity and accessibility metrics into decision making
    - Foccus of conversation was about making proactive and conscious decisions about inclusivity as part of planning and executing municipal work
  - Working against misinformation and disinformation
    - Misinformation and disinformation has become ubiquitous online. People think they may “know” what is happening and then share it as either fact or as questions to sow doubt in peoples’ minds. Hearsay has become statements of reality.

**FRIDAY MAY 30**

- Attended speaker presentations from:
  - Assembly of First Nations National Chief
  - Prime Minister of Canada
- Held meetings with colleagues from fellow northern capital cities Iqaluit and Whitehorse
- Attended workshop session on ‘Ways to increase housing stock in your municipality’
- Attended reception from the Northern and Prairies caucus

**SATURDAY MAY 31**

- Attended speaker sessions on
  - Unleashing the future of rural Canada
  - Infrastructure challenges
  - Amplifying the voice of communities in a crowded media
- Participated in
  - Opening discussions for the FCM Annual General Assembly
  - Plenary session to debate and vote on motions that FCM will advocate on in 2025-2026
    - Spoke in support of motion from the Nunavut Association of Municipalities about the need to invest in municipal infrastructure as well as climate change adaptation and mitigation all in support of Arctic and broader national security.

**SUNDAY JUNE 1**

- FCM Annual General Meeting
- Participated in Northern Caucus conversation on priorities important to northern development. Discussion included elected representatives and administration from communities across the 3 territories.
- Travel home to Yellowknife from Ottawa