



APPENDIX A: The Federation of Canadian Municipalities

FCM represents municipalities collectively on matters where national public policy intersects with municipal interests. This involvement includes participating in the development of legislation, regulations, policies and programs under federal jurisdiction. Through their national organization, municipalities ensure that the federal government, as well as federally-regulated entities (Crown corporations and industry stakeholders in a number of federally managed economic sectors such as telecommunications and radiocommunication), understand the full impact of their decisions on municipal governments, their vital infrastructure and services, as well as on local taxpayers.

With close to 2000 members, FCM represents over 90 percent of the Canadian population. FCM membership is also representative of Canada's diversity: it includes all of Canada's largest cities, hundreds of small urban and rural

communities in all provinces and territories, as well as 18 provincial and territorial municipal associations.

With respect to telecommunications and radiocommunication specifically, FCM has been actively engaged in the development and dissemination of best practices for over 25 years. Through the ongoing work of its *Technical Committee on Municipal Rights-of-Way*—a national group of over 40 municipal officials with technical and legal expertise—FCM has been successful in facilitating the deployment of new technologies and services to Canadian residents and businesses. Tools such as the recently-updated [*Handbook on Telecommunications and Rights-of-Way*](#) and the [*Joint Protocol on Antenna Siting*](#) negotiated between FCM and the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association are two concrete examples of municipalities fostering a positive environment that balances all interests at play.