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**FORMER MAYOR SPENCE EARNS FCM’S ANN MACLEAN AWARD FOR  
OUTSTANDING SERVICE BY A WOMAN IN MUNICIPAL POLITICS**

(Regina, Sask.) – Former City of Warman Mayor, Sheryl Spence, has been named the 2022 recipient of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ (FCM) **Ann MacLean Award for Outstanding Service by a Woman in Municipal Politics**. She received the award virtually at the *Women in Local Government* reception on Saturday, June 4 in Regina as part of FCM’s Annual Conference and Trade Show 2022.

The award recognizes retired women municipal politicians who have shown exemplary service to their community and constituents and who have mentored, or are mentoring, women elected to municipal office, or women who are interested in running.

“I am humbled to have been nominated and selected for this award,” Spence said. “The list of past winners is full of incredible, impactful women with a ceaseless passion for increasing the representation of women in municipal politics. It is such a privilege to be joining this impressive group.”



*Former Warman Mayor, Sheryl Spence.*

Former Mayor Spence was first elected as a Town Councillor in October 2000. She was elected as Mayor in October 2006, serving in that role for the Town – then City of Warman – until she retired from municipal politics ahead of the October 2020 election.

Her advocacy to increase the representation of women in municipal politics spanned the local, provincial and federal levels over her 20-year career. Notably, within a decade on FCM’s Board of Directors, she served as Chair for the standing committee on *Increasing Women’s Participation in Municipal Government* which oversees the selection committee for the Ann MacLean Award.

“After two decades in municipal politics, this award is definitely the icing on the cake for me; it’s such a fantastic way to sum up an exciting and well-spent life of community service.”

In retirement, she still finds herself providing mentorship and encouragement to women interested in running for Council, as well as some newly-elected officials around the province and country.

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