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**FCM VOICE**  
Canada's voice of local government



### **Partners for Climate Protection marks 30 years of climate impact across Canada**

Led by ICLEI Canada and FCM, the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program has offered tools and resources to help more than 550 municipalities meet their emissions reduction goals over the past 30 years. PCP's annual insights report highlights key areas where the program's impact has been strongest and that continue to drive its innovative spirit.

**» [READ THE REPORT](#)**

## NEWS

### Intake announcement for the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund

Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (HICC) has launched its application intake for the direct delivery stream of the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund. This stream will deliver up to \$1 billion over eight years directly to eligible recipients to address pressing infrastructure needs and to enable more housing.

FCM remains concerned that the proposed three-year development charge freeze could leave cities with urgent needs worse off at a time when infrastructure is desperately needed to service existing residents and support new housing. Please feel free to

[contact us](#) to find out more.

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### GMF's Accelerating community energy systems

Looking to boost your community's energy transition efforts? The Green Municipal Fund's Accelerating community energy systems program is here to help municipalities across Canada fast-track their energy system initiatives.

With up to \$200K in funding and a two-year peer learning group, this program offers the support you need to:

- Identify and develop key community energy projects.
- Explore innovative governance and ownership models.
- Build capacity to reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

Applications are open until February 21, 2025. For more information, [register for our webinar](#) on November 21 at 2 p.m. ET.

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## EVENTS

### Next week: Collective webinar on mental health support for elected officials

Our upcoming Collective webinar is fast approaching! Join us on November 19 for this FREE webinar, in partnership with healthcare service provider GreenShield, that explores strategies and practices to help cultivate environments where individuals feel respected and empowered to contribute their unique perspectives and talents. Our panel will share insights and solutions to create more supportive environments for candidates seeking election to public office.

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## SCC 2025 is coming to Atlantic Canada!

We can't wait to host the Sustainable Communities Conference (SCC) from February 10-13 in the City of Fredericton, NB.

SCC participants will be able to take a tour of local initiatives such as a new greenhouse, where seedlings are grown to support local urban forestry efforts, and an affordable, micro-home community and social enterprise center. Use our promo codes for flights and block codes when booking a room at select hotels.

*Reduced rates offered to students and members of small (<10,000), rural, Northern and Indigenous communities. To inquire about availability, please [contact us](#).*

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## RESOURCES

### Municipal and Indigenous leaders work together in Georgian Bay

Coordinated by the Georgian Bay Mniidoo Gamii Biosphere, the Integrated Community Energy and Climate Action Plans is a collaboration between municipalities and First Nations in the region that seeks cost-effective approaches to energy management and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Through this partnership in Georgian Bay, Ontario—a member of Partners for Climate Protection—we see the value in having municipal and First Nations councils building relationships, sharing knowledge and working together toward their shared climate goals.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

### Connect with us on social media

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**Nov 5:** Local leaders are on the front lines of tackling the homelessness crisis – but are working with extremely

**Nov 6:** Congratulations to [@KaraWesterlund0](#), newly elected President of [@RuralMA](#). FCM looks

**Nov 9:** Thanks to Board member Sheilagh O'Leary for representing FCM at [@MunicipalNL](#)'s

limited resources. Federal funds to support local efforts must be made available now.

<https://t.co/ArE9FUgf6C>

forward to continuing to work together on shared priorities for rural municipalities in Alberta and across the country.  
[#rmalberta](#) [@valentinokathy](#)

Our thanks to outgoing president, [@pmclauchlin](#), for your tireless advocacy at our Board of Directors table.

Conference, Trade Show and AGM in Gander today. FCM's focus remains on ensuring a resilient, strong and equitable future for communities big and small, rural, remote and urban.



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