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

**Amy  
Coady**

**Third Vice-President**



### **FCM welcomes Amy Coady as its new 3rd VP**

Based on the process outlined by our bylaws, Councillor Amy Coady has been confirmed as Third Vice-President by FCM's Board of Directors and will be taking over this role effective immediately.

Hailing from Grand Falls-Windsor in Newfoundland and Labrador, Amy Coady has held the position of councillor for well over a decade. In addition to her role as President of the Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador, Amy is involved in various municipal committees and is an active member of her community.

With her vast experience, Amy will be a great asset to FCM's leadership team in its efforts to make Canadians life better.

## NEWS

### Plan ahead with climate adaption funding

The Green Municipal Fund's Climate-Ready Plans and Processes funding offers up to \$140,000 to help municipalities develop strategic climate adaptation plans that strengthen communities against climate risks.

Conduct a climate risk assessment or develop a climate adaptation plan with funding that includes considerations for equity and inclusion. By starting with a plan, your community can integrate climate resilience into their municipal processes and work toward a better, more sustainable and secure future for all residents.

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## EVENTS

### Tomorrow: Collective webinar on mental health support for elected officials

The newest webinar in our Collective series is just around the corner and time is running out to register! Join us tomorrow at 12 p.m. ET for this FREE *Trials from the Trails* webinar presented by GreenShield Canada. Listen in as our panel delves into their own experiences on the campaign trail, discuss issues arising from public life and the challenges and implications of the social media landscape. With potential elections taking place from coast to coast to coast in the upcoming months, don't miss out on learning the tools you need to cultivate political environments where individuals can contribute their unique perspectives and talents.

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### Looking back at SCC 2023 and what to expect next year

"The format and focus of the event [SCC 2023] enabled discussions on topics that are most deeply impacting our society today: housing, inequity, sustainability and climate adaptation," said Margaret Pfoh, Chief Executive Officer of the Aboriginal Housing Management Association and keynote speaker at FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference (SCC) 2023.

Collaboration for a sustainable future will continue at SCC 2025 in Fredericton, NB, from February 10-13. Save up to \$200 per registration or use the group rate for FCM members to save \$235 per person if you register before December 13.

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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### **Webinar: New GMF funding and support to accelerate community energy systems**

Looking to accelerate your municipality's energy goals? Join GMF's webinar on Thursday, November 21, from 2-3 p.m. ET to learn about the accelerating community energy systems (CES) funded learning offer. This session provides a roadmap for municipalities to access critical funding for energy projects to gain valuable insights from expert speakers. Start advancing your clean energy initiatives today!

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### **Webinar: How housing providers can engage with residents on energy retrofits**

When a housing provider undertakes a deep energy retrofit of one of its buildings, it can be disruptive to residents. That's why engaging with them is an important part of the process. GMF invites affordable housing providers to join our webinar on Thursday, November 28, at 2 p.m. ET to:

- Learn how to effectively set residents' expectations during, before and after a deep energy retrofit.
- Begin developing your own engagement strategies based on best practices.
- Hear testimonials about previous projects that can be adapted and applied to your own project.

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## **RESOURCES**

### **Unlock community benefits by planting new trees**

Healthy community canopies reduce impacts of extreme weather and improve the health and wellbeing of residents. Not sure how to plant new trees and care for them? Discover eight resources filled with essential tips on how to ensure newly planted trees thrive and offer benefits to your community:

1. [Planting plan template](#)
2. [An urban forestry overview](#)
3. [Urban forestry technology and tools](#)
4. [Urban forest planning](#)
5. [Tree planting process](#)

6. **Tree maintenance**
7. **Tree stock selection**
8. **Site selection and preparation**

*These resources were created in partnership by Tree Canada and the Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative (GCCC), which is delivered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and funded by the Government of Canada.*

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### **Empower your community with affordable energy upgrades**

In the Town of Bridgewater, NS, the Clean Energy Financing program is making a real difference in the lives of residents facing energy poverty. This Community Efficiency Financing funded initiative is part of the town's mission to reduce energy poverty by 20% within five years and an impressive 62% within a decade. By providing accessible financing for energy upgrades, the program is empowering homeowners to improve the comfort, health and affordability of their homes. Unlock funding opportunities for your community's energy efficiency projects.

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### **Transforming lives in Banff: YWCA's Priscilla's Place**

YWCA Banff's Priscilla's Place is a vital sanctuary in Banff, AB, offering 33 net-zero units to individuals and families in need. Beyond shelter, Priscilla's Place builds community bonds with nearby childcare, supporting residents and fostering a sense of connection. Supported by GMF's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative, the complex balances affordability with environmental impact, providing stability and dignity to those who need it most.

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## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

### **Connect with us on social media**

Follow FCM on social media to keep up to date with the latest municipal news, resources, and more! Find us on:



**Nov 14:** “That [...] is her number one priority with FCM – getting engaged with the members and making sure that they feel represented.”

We're fortunate to have [@rebeccaleeblich](#)'s leadership at this pivotal time for [#CDNMuni](#). More about FCM's new President

<https://t.co/zWeQGxOtOa>  
[@MunicipalWorld](#)

**Nov 14:** [@Ainslie\\_Ward24](#) raises an important Question...? on municipal finances.

<https://t.co/oal112jxKy>

FCM is advocating for a new Municipal Growth Framework, where [#CDNMuni](#) have access to a fairer share of the existing tax dollar and are more adequately equipped to deliver for their communities.

The municipal fiscal situation in Canada is outdated, but together we can fix it (no really we can).

If you have 10 minutes to spare (ok, maybe more), check out our proposal:  
<https://t.co/m3XrOC5OGA>

**Nov 14:** Congratulations to all newly elected local leaders in Saskatchewan following their municipal elections. We look forward to working with you to continue building strong communities across the province. [#CDNMuni](#) [#skpoli](#)

On behalf of the Big City Mayors' Caucus, welcome to Saskatoon Mayor Cynthia Block and Regina Mayor Chad Bachynski. We look forward to your leadership at the BCMC table



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