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



### **Advocacy Days 2024: Bringing local priorities to Parliament Hill**

This week, members of FCM's Board of Directors will gather in Ottawa for the 20th edition of Advocacy Days and the December Board meeting. This year's Advocacy Days will have a strong focus on strategy and tactics – including presentations from experts on the current federal political landscape and workshops to help members become even more effective advocates for their communities and municipalities across Canada. As always, participants will also meet with Parliamentarians and key federal decision makers to bring FCM's policy priorities to Parliament Hill.

Be sure to follow along on social media to catch highlights from the week.

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## NEWS

### **Applications open: Accelerating community energy systems**

Are you ready to accelerate your municipality's energy transition? The Green Municipal Fund's *Accelerating community energy systems* program offers up to \$200K in funding and a two-year peer learning cohort to help municipalities scale up their energy projects. Gain the tools and resources needed to implement community energy projects, navigate governance models, and build capacity for lasting impact. Whether you're starting out or scaling up, this program provides essential support. Applications are open until February 21!

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## EVENTS

### **NEW Collective webinar: Exploring residential wildfire resilience solutions**

Municipalities are at the heart of building climate resilient communities. In this upcoming free Collective webinar, our corporate partner Intact Financial Corporation, will discuss its newly launched Municipal Climate Resiliency Grants, a \$2 million granting program to help municipalities address extreme weather events. The session will explore case studies of wildfire resilience projects led by local leaders to help their residents better protect themselves. It will also touch on Intact's granting program, highlighting its details, impact objectives and guidelines.

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### **Tanya Talaga at SCC 2025: Indigenous voices for an inclusive and equitable future**

FCM is delighted to announce award-winning journalist and author, Tanya Talaga, as the newest keynote speaker for the Sustainable Communities Conference (SCC) 2025, taking place from February 10-13 in Fredericton, NB.

Through her bestselling books, acclaimed documentaries and podcasts, and regular columns with the Globe and Mail, Tanya aims to amplify Indigenous voices and stories across Canada and the world. At SCC 2025, she will share her unique insights and her hope for a more inclusive and equitable future. Early bird discounts end on December 13.

*A limited number of registrations will continue to be available at a lower price for students and members of small, rural, Northern and Indigenous communities. To inquire about availability, please [contact us](#).*

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## Webinars on community-driven solutions to the overdose crisis

As the overdose crisis continues to evolve, communities across Canada are developing tailored strategies to address this issue. Health Canada is hosting two webinars on community-level responses to the crisis.

The first webinar will focus on building cross-sectoral partnerships and will be held tomorrow, December 3 at 1 p.m. ET. The second, held on December 10 at 1 p.m. ET, will focus on building trust and engaging communities, especially amongst vulnerable groups.

Register now by contacting Health Canada directly.

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## RESOURCES

### Reduce municipal expenses by planting new trees

Urban forests are not just beautiful addition to your community, they are impactful investment that provide cost-effective solutions to municipal challenges. From storm water management to improved air quality, urban forests reduce municipal expenditures. For instance, the City of Toronto's urban forest generates up to \$3.20 for every \$1.00 invested in maintenance, indicating the economic value trees bring to a community. You can access up to \$10M in funding along with expert advice on tree planting and maintenance to leverage the power of trees in your community.

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### CABN Co Foundation's net-zero pilot home

CABN's net-zero pilot home in Eastern Ontario sets a new benchmark for sustainable, off-grid affordable housing. Powered by solar energy and designed with a low-energy construction model, this home operates without utility costs, consumes far less energy than traditional homes and can be built in 48 hours. CABN's partnerships with local municipalities and post-secondary institutions create a learning hub for innovation in sustainable housing. Step inside this pioneering project and see how CABN is reimagining affordable housing for Canada's future.

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## The NWMO announces future site for Canada's deep geological repository



NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION SOCIÉTÉ DE GESTION DES DÉCHETS NUCLÉAIRES

On November 28, the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) announced we have selected Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation and the Township of Ignace as the host communities for the future site for Canada's deep geological repository for used nuclear fuel. This decision represents another step towards a long-term management solution for Canada's used nuclear fuel that will protect people and the environment.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

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**Nov 27:** Congratulations to FCM 2nd VP [@valentinokathy](#) on her election as [@AMMManitoba](#) President! FCM and AMM are strong partners in advocating for the interests of municipalities in Manitoba and across the country. The work ahead is important and Kathy's leadership will continue to be vital. [#CDNMuni](#)

**Nov 28:** In Halifax this morning, FCM 1st VP [@TimTierney](#) addressed [@nsfedmuni](#)'s [#NSFMFallConference](#) highlighting the work of local champions in the room. As the government of proximity, municipal leaders truly understand the issues their residents face – from housing affordability to aging infrastructure and public safety. FCM continues to advocate for [#CDNMuni](#) to be able to access a fairer share of the existing tax dollar to these

**Nov 29:** Congratulations to newly elected President of [@nsfedmuni](#), [@PamMood](#). We look forward to working together toward our shared priorities, including a new fiscal framework to ensure municipalities in Nova Scotia and across the country can access a fairer share of existing tax dollars to deliver for residents.

Our thanks to outgoing President Carolyn Bolivar-Getson for her dedication to Nova Scotian municipalities

issues can be better tackled.

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