

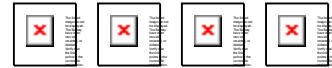
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Fall Economic Statement: A missed opportunity

Two days ago, amid a series of high-profile cabinet changes, the federal government's Fall Economic Statement (FES) was tabled.

FCM notes that the FES represents a disappointing missed opportunity to address Canada's outdated fiscal framework, an issue that underpins some of Canadians' most urgent priorities. The FES's underwhelming measures on tackling housing affordability amid

a nationwide homelessness crisis, and the lack of provisions for rural and northern Canada's unique and urgent needs are also concerning.

The FES did contain some positives for communities, including much-needed funding for wastewater facilities for metropolitan Vancouver and Winnipeg.

Amid the changes afoot in Ottawa and a looming election, FCM remains in collaboration mode, ready to work across orders of government, and with any party, so as to better tackle Canadians' urgent priorities.

Our commitment to building prosperous, well-serviced communities for all Canadians remains steadfast, and we look forward to advocating energetically for the resources and support necessary to achieve our shared goals—including a much-needed Municipal Growth Framework.

NEWS

SAVE THE DATE: Join us in Ottawa for AC2025

Mark your calendars! Registration for FCM's highly anticipated Annual Conference and Trade Show will open in late February.

Join us in Ottawa from May 29 to June 1, 2025, at the Rogers Centre for AC2025. This year's conference promises dynamic programming, capacity-building workshops, insightful panels, inspiring keynote speeches, and the ever-popular trade show. Keep an eye out for updates on travel, accommodation and study tours. This will be an event you won't want to miss!

» [VISIT OUR AC2025 WEBSITE](#)

The many benefits of an FCM membership

Did you know that—in addition to the landmark progress that FCM is securing for communities of all sizes—FCM members also get access to exclusive benefits? These include insightful tools, tips and analysis from our policy, government relations and communications experts as well as valuable networking opportunities and the collective support of thousands of municipal colleagues. Through thick and thin, your communities are always in good hands with FCM.

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Inclusive Climate Action for Tunisian Municipalities

FCM is recruiting member municipalities to take part in its international project *Inclusive Climate Action for Tunisian Municipalities* (ICATM). The project aims to strengthen climate adaptation and the resilience of municipalities in Tunisia, while promoting equity and inclusion for women, young people and vulnerable groups. The call for **expressions of interest** is open to all FCM members until January 21, 2025.

If you would like to know more about the ICATM project, a bilingual (English and French) information session, with simultaneous interpretation, will be held via Zoom on January 14, 2025 at 2-3 p.m. ET.

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EVENTS

Economic opportunities in climate action: Insights from local leaders at SCC 2025

At FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference (SCC) from February 10-13, in Fredericton, NB, a panel of elected municipal leaders and industry experts will highlight how climate action can be a powerful driver of Canada's economic future.

From green technologies to energy-efficient infrastructure, learn how innovative climate solutions can fuel economic growth, reduce the cost of living and create high-quality, sustainable jobs across various sectors.

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

» [EXPLORE THE SCC 2025 PROGRAM](#)

RESOURCES

Applications for STREF now open

Applications are now open for the new federal Short-Term Rental Enforcement Fund (STREF). Municipalities with existing policies to regulate short-term rentals can submit a proposal by January 24, 2025 to receive funds under the new STREF. Funds are available over a three-year term with a minimum of \$100,000 and maximum of \$4.8 million annually to help enforce municipal short-term rental policies.

» [READ MORE](#)

GMF's Regional Energy Coaches program supports more affordable housing

The Green Municipal Fund's (GMF) Regional Energy Coaches program is expanding after a successful three-year pilot in collaboration with the Community Housing Transformation Centre. This growth marks a significant step towards enhancing energy efficiency in affordable housing across Canada. As we prepare to broaden our impact, we invite more housing providers to join us in our journey towards a sustainable future.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

FCM's seasonal holiday closure

As the end of the year approaches, we are filled with gratitude for the year that passed and the year to come. Here is to another year of providing programs and advocacy to respond to the unique needs of our member municipalities, big and small, urban and rural.

Our offices will be closed from December 24, 2024 until January 2, 2025. This will be the last edition of FCM Voice for 2024, but we will be back with more news, updates and funding opportunities on January 13, 2025.

Season's greetings and a happy new year from your FCM team.

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Win a free pass to the 2025 FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show by completing this survey from Destination Canada

To better understand the needs of our members, Destination Canada is seeking feedback on its newly-launched collaboration with FCM. Complete this short, five-minute survey to enter a prize draw for a free 2025 FCM Annual Conference registration. The Destination Canada and FCM collaboration was launched in 2023 to assist member municipalities leverage the economic, social, cultural and environmental contributions of tourism for communities.

» [COMPLETE THE SURVEY TO ENTER](#)

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:



Dec 9: FCM is advocating for a fairer share of existing tax dollars so [#CDNMuni](#) can better support Canadians with the infrastructure and services they need and deserve.

Read our recommendations to the federal government here:
<https://t.co/Sq9bMbdV19>

Dec 9: A well-deserved honour for Mayor Jyoti Gondek to be named [@MunicipalWorld](#)'s first-ever Mayor of the Year!

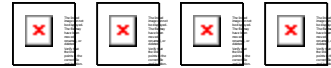
<https://t.co/kqW9wJ9xpX>

Mayor Gondek is leading [@cityofcalgary](#) at a pivotal time, with downtown revitalization, public safety, infrastructure and affordable housing as key issues—not to mention seeing the city through the water crisis this spring. Congratulations, [@JyotiGondek](#) [#CDNMuni](#)

Dec 17: FCM is disappointed that yesterday's Fall Economic Statement did not provide a strong signal to address the outdated fiscal framework that underpins urgent challenges like housing affordability, community safety and aging infrastructure.

Additionally, [#FES2024](#) does little to support the needs of rural and northern Canada. FCM will continue to advocate for a new Municipal Growth Framework ahead of [#Budget2025](#).

FCM is ready to collaborate with a focus on improving lives of Canadians. [#cdnpoli](#) [#CDNMuni](#)



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