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FREE WEBINAR

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**DISTRICT HEATING AND
COOLING SOLUTIONS FOR
SMALL COMMUNITIES**

JANUARY 29 | 12 PM (ET)

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NEW: Collective webinar on district heating and cooling solutions for small communities

Small communities face unique challenges when planning for new sustainable, energy-efficient infrastructure. Join us on January 29 for a free webinar, in partnership with CIMCO Toromont, that explores innovative approaches, such as leveraging wastewater for energy recovery, to enhance efficiency, lower utility costs and reduce your community's carbon

footprint in the long term. Moreover, the session will explore the potential of community ice rinks, a common feature in many small communities, to serve as a thermal energy source for broader community use.

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NEWS

FCM Board vacancies in Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan: Nominations now open

Have you always been interested in serving on FCM's Board of Directors? Do you have a passion for driving change on a national scale? If so, you may want to consider submitting your nomination to join FCM's Board! This member-elected body sets the organization's policy priorities, ensuring that municipalities have the tools they need to do what's best for Canadians. Currently, there are vacancies for representatives from Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan. Nominations for these positions are open until February 17, 2025.

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FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference 2025 is sold out!

Thank you for your interest in FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference 2025. The conference and trade show are officially sold out and registration is now closed.

This conference is bringing together municipal practitioners and local leaders from across the country to share actionable solutions towards a more resilient and sustainable future. We'll see you in Fredericton, New Brunswick!

If you missed registration, our Connect newsletter will help you to stay connected and learn about future opportunities.

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Inclusive Climate Action for Tunisian Municipalities

FCM's international project, Inclusive Climate Action for Tunisian Municipalities, aims to strengthen climate adaptation and the resilience of municipalities in Tunisia, while promoting equity and inclusion for women, young people and vulnerable groups, and is looking for FCM members' participation.

Join us for a bilingual information session on January 14 at 2 p.m. ET to learn more about the application process.

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Active Transportation Fund: Capital Projects

The government of Canada has announced the launch of new capital project intakes under the Active Transportation Fund. Funding will be provided for capital projects that involve new construction or enhancement of existing infrastructure encouraging travel by active methods, including sidewalks, multi-use paths and bike lanes.

Applications for capital projects will be accepted through the Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (HICC) **Funding Portal** until February 26, 2025. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to send an email to the Active Transportation Fund Team at HICC (ATF-FTA@inf.gc.ca).

Rural Transit Solutions Fund: Capital Projects Stream

The Government of Canada has announced the launch of the Rural Transit Solutions Fund's Capital Projects stream intake under the **Canada Public Transit Fund**. Applications for the Capital Projects stream will be accepted through the Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada's **Applicant Portal**. Applications to the Rural Transit Solutions Fund will be accepted from all applicants until March 4, 2025 at 3 p.m. ET. Over the coming weeks, Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada will be hosting a series of webinars for potential applicants.

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EVENTS

Webinar on planning energy upgrades for community buildings in small municipalities

Small municipalities don't always have the resources to plan energy upgrades for their community buildings, such as swimming pools, indoor ice rinks, libraries and community centres. Want to learn about the real cost of buildings, ways to lower your energy costs, and strategies to maximize your savings through energy-efficiency upgrades for your community buildings? Join our webinar *Energy upgrades for community buildings in small municipalities* on January 28 (in French).

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RESOURCES

Integrating equity, diversity and inclusion into municipal climate action

Making equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) core to your community's climate action planning is key to protecting residents who are most at-risk of experiencing extreme heat, flooding and other impacts of climate change.

Watch our webinar recording exploring the *Integrating Equity, Diversity and Inclusion into Municipal Climate Action* resource. You'll hear directly from the authors of the resource on what EDI is and how it can fit within your community's needs.

PCP is a partnership between the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability. PCP receives financial support from the Government of Canada and ICLEI Canada.

» [WATCH THE WEBINAR RECORDING](#)

TRCA opts for energy-efficient geothermal system

While building their new head office, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) initially planned to install a closed-loop geothermal system for heating and cooling. However, during test drilling, engineers discovered a more energy-efficient and cost-effective option. With financial support from FCM, they conducted a feasibility study, which led them to install an open-loop system instead. Learn from their experience: always explore all your options before selecting a heating and cooling system!

» [READ THE FULL CASE STUDY](#)

Kickstart your sustainable affordable housing project with early support from GMF

GMF's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative provides planning grants of up to \$30,000 to assist housing providers in the early stages of sustainable affordable housing development. This funding is open to municipal governments, municipally owned corporations, or non-profit, mission-driven affordable housing providers. The grant will help get you on the right track as you progress through the next stages of energy-efficient affordable housing projects.

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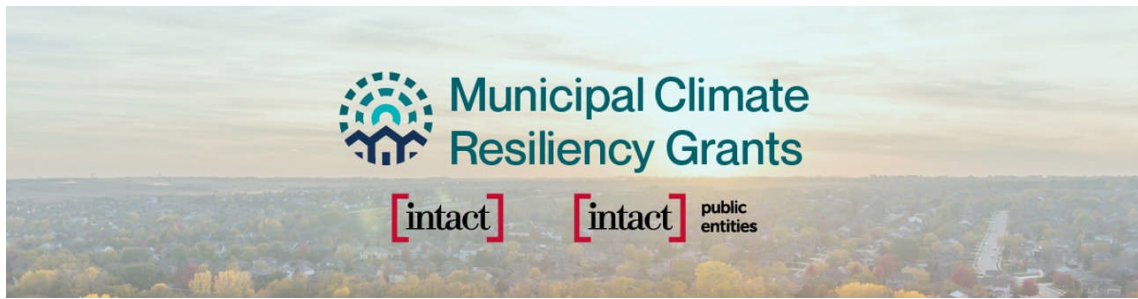
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Win a free pass to the 2025 FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show by completing this survey from Destination Canada

To better understand the needs of our members, Destination Canada is seeking feedback on its newly-launched collaboration with FCM. Complete this short survey (5 minutes) 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](#)



January 31 deadline for Intact’s Municipal Climate Grant

Intact’s **Municipal Climate Resiliency Grant program** funds projects up to \$200,000 to help municipalities, registered charities and Indigenous communities protect against flooding and wildfires.

We’re sharing our expertise to support you in creating a strong application for your community climate project. Join our free webinar January 14 at 10:30am EST: [register here!](#)

Visit our [website](#) or email intact.foundation@intact.net for more information.

Submit your grant application by January 31, 2025!

SOCIAL MEDIA

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



Dec 31: Happy New Year! We look forward to making meaningful impact together in 2025 on behalf of [#CDNMuni](#) across the country.

Jan 6: FCM thanks Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for his years of public service and dedication to improving the well-being of Canadians.

Over the last decade, Prime Minister Trudeau consistently demonstrated his commitment to building an effective partnership with local governments and driving progress on critical

Jan 8: Local leaders work hard to improve quality of life in their communities. Amid political uncertainty, FCM will continue to have local voices heard.

Become a member: <https://t.co/1BA57bwQTR>

priorities such as climate and infrastructure.

FCM will continue to engage actively with the federal government during this transitional period, and we look forward to advancing Canadians' top priorities – housing affordability, homelessness, public safety – with all federal political parties in the lead up to a federal election later this year.



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