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FCM VOICE
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A unified municipal response to U.S. tariffs

Last Thursday, FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus gathered in Ottawa to meet with federal decision makers and consult on a united municipal response to a potential U.S. tariff war.

Speaking to media, FCM President Rebecca Bligh and members of the Big City Mayors' Caucus highlighted the municipal response to U.S. tariff threats and the devastating

impacts that a Canada-U.S. trade war could have on all cities and communities, large and small.

Municipalities across the country stand united. In an email sent to members on Thursday, you will find key messages and sample social media posts to share in your networks. Use and adapt them to reflect your local realities. Let's keep working together to protect Canadian communities, businesses and families – and harness the power of strong municipal action to this economic challenge.

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NEWS

We want your input on Canada-U.S. relations

FCM is committed to championing municipal voices and initiatives to advance a unified Team Canada approach in the face of a potential trade war with the U.S. Later this week, we will share details on our upcoming Canada-wide virtual listening tour. Regional meetings will provide space for municipal leaders to share insights on Canada-U.S. relations, ensuring our message and federal advocacy reflect your realities on the ground.

Stay tuned for registration information and alternative ways for you to engage in the conversation. In the meantime, please share your questions, concerns and local initiatives with us at canada-usa@fcm.ca.

Join FCM at the virtual Scotiabank Affordable Housing Summit

On Wednesday, February 19, from 12:50 – 1:35p.m. ET, FCM will take part in a timely virtual panel session entitled '*Is it Time for a New Municipal Funding Model?*', as part of the 2025 Scotiabank Affordable Housing Summit.

This summit takes place as Canada faces an ongoing housing crisis, with supply and affordability challenges continuing to pose major challenges and fuel uncertainty.

In this important national context, this panel discussion will seek to provide useful perspectives and engage with the vitally important question of municipal funding, with guests from FCM, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), as well the Special Advisor to Ontario NDP on Municipal Funding.

» [SIGN UP FOR THE SUMMIT](#)

FCM's Board vacancies in Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan: Nominations closing soon

Have you ever thought of serving on the Board of Directors? Are you passionate about driving change on a national scale? If so, consider standing for 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. There are currently vacancies for representatives from Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan. Nominations for these positions are open until February 17.

» **SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION TODAY**

Make an impact beyond borders!

We're inviting FCM member municipalities to express their interest in joining the Inclusive Climate Action for Tunisian Municipalities project.

This is a great opportunity to connect with international peers, exchange expertise, and contribute to strengthening climate resilience in Tunisia, while advancing equity and inclusion for women, youth, and vulnerable groups. Take the chance to be part of this initiative and submit your Expression of Interest today.

» **LEARN MORE**

Final call: Accelerating community energy systems funded learning opportunity

Don't miss your chance to apply for the Accelerating community energy systems funded learning program. With up to \$200K in funding and a two-year peer learning program, this program offers a unique opportunity to advance your municipality's energy initiatives. Take action now to drive local climate solutions and create a more sustainable future. Submit an expression of interest by February 21.

» **APPLY NOW**

FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Municipal leaders to join Canadian delegation in Washington D.C., amidst tariff threat | iPolitics**

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities announced that local officials will be joining a pan-Canadian delegation headed to Washington, D.C., next week amid the threat of a tariff war.

» **Windsor Mayor: Trump's tariffs would result in "catastrophic pain" – February 6, 2025 - YouTube**

The Mayor of Windsor and Chair of the Border Mayors Alliance, Drew Dilkins, had an interview with Michael Serapio from CPAC about FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus meeting in Ottawa, the realities facing the City of Windsor and the Team Canada approach to counter the tariff threats from U.S. President Donald Trump.

» **Amid tariff threats, local governments should prioritize buying local, London mayor says | CBC News**

London's Mayor and Chair of FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus, Josh Morgan, said there are things municipalities can do to shore up their own economies better, amid a trade war with the U.S. Mayor Morgan will travel with FCM representatives and Progressive Conservative Leader Doug Ford to Washington, D.C., on February 11 and 12 to meet with U.S. senators, mayors, and business leaders about the threatened tariffs.

» **Big City Mayors meet in Ottawa | CTV News**

Mayors from 23 of Canada's largest cities met in Ottawa to present a united front against U.S. President Donald Trump's threat to impose steep tariffs on Canadian goods. The Big City Mayors' Caucus met with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Foreign Affairs Minister Mélanie Joly to discuss the evolving trade landscape and ensure municipalities inform the federal response. The mayors emphasized that any counter-tariffs or other responses by Canada must be developed in consultation with FCM.

RESOURCES

Climate action in small and rural communities

Ready to take action on climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in your small or rural community? Check out the *Small and Rural Communities Climate Action Guidebook*, produced by the Partners for Climate Protection program, delivered by FCM and ICLEI Canada. Developed specifically with the needs of small and rural communities in mind, this guidebook can help your community overcome challenges related to finances or staffing, reduce emissions and improve resident health.

» **READ THE GUIDE**

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.

» **APPLY FOR FUNDING**

LOCAL DATA

New snapshot of Canada's infrastructure across various sectors

Statistics Canada, in partnership with **Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada**, has released 2022 data that provide a snapshot of solid waste, culture, recreation and sports facilities infrastructure across the country through **Canada's Core Public Infrastructure Survey**. This includes the stock, condition, performance, replacement value, and asset management strategies of core public infrastructure.

These data help all levels of government to develop more evidence and results-based policies to improve Canada's core public infrastructure, and to monitor and report on the progress of these investments.

For more information, please refer to the **Infrastructure Statistics Hub**. If you have questions or would like to speak to an analyst, please contact infostats@statcan.gc.ca.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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Feb 6: U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods may have been delayed, but the threat remains real and continues to harm our economy.

Today in Ottawa, members of FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus highlighted some critical actions [#CDNMuni](#) are taking to help protect their communities.

[>> Read the full thread](#)

Feb 7: Today in Toronto, FCM CEO [@carolesaab](#) joined Prime Minister [@JustinTrudeau](#) and leaders from across sectors at the Canada-U.S. Economic Summit.

Canada's communities power the economy and municipal realities must remain central to a Team Canada approach to the economic challenges we will face together. [#CDNMuni](#) [#cdnpoli](#)

Feb 10: Canada's municipalities power the economy, driving jobs, trade and growth.

<https://t.co/9Q2pWgtwSI>

Local leaders across the country are leading the charge to protect their local economies, communities and residents. This week, FCM representatives including Big City Mayors' Caucus Chair and London Mayor [@MayorMorgan](#) will be travelling to Washington to meet with U.S. senators, mayors and business leaders, underscoring the devastating impact a tariff war could have on communities on both sides of the border.



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