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FCM VOICE
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FCM reinforces Team Canada unity in Washington

Last week, a delegation from FCM composed of President and Vancouver City Councillor Rebecca Bligh, Big City Mayors' Caucus Chair and Mayor of London Josh Morgan, Rural Forum Chair and Sturgeon County Councillor Neal Comeau and FCM CEO Carole Saab traveled to Washington, D.C. with one message: we are stronger together.

Ties between Canadian and American communities have always been a shared strength, and a trade war between the two countries has the potential to devastate business and communities on both sides of the border. In Washington, FCM met with U.S. senators and other government officials, business leaders and municipal sector leaders to unite common interest and underscore these vital relationships.

We will continue to engage with our members and our American counterparts to ensure our advocacy on behalf of Canadian municipalities remains relevant and effective through these challenging times.

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NEWS

[Join FCM's Canada-wide Virtual Listening Tour](#)

Municipal leaders across Canada are standing up and speaking out against the devastating impact that 25% U.S. import tariffs would have on our communities. To ensure that their voices are heard, FCM has launched a Canada-wide Virtual Listening Tour. Starting today with British Columbia, regional meetings will provide an opportunity throughout the week for municipal leaders to share insights on the impact of these tariffs and ensure FCM's advocacy and engagement on Canada-U.S. relations reflect the realities in their communities. If you did not have the chance to register yet, there is still time to RSVP to your local meeting using the link below. Due to limited space, we ask that each municipality send only one representative to your region's scheduled meeting.

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["We're not talking about the future, we're shaping it."](#)

This powerful statement from Chris Boivin, Chief Development Officer, FCM, and Managing Director, GMF, set the tone for the Sustainable Communities Conference 2025 last week. The energy was undeniable as municipal leaders and sustainability advocates from across Canada came together to tackle critical issues such as sustainable affordable housing, climate adaptation, and resilient local economies—while also advancing Reconciliation and anti-racism, equity and inclusion.

With inspiring keynotes, dynamic presentations and innovative solutions, the conference ignited the drive for urgent, impactful action. One message stood out: local governments must lead the charge for a sustainable future with hope, courage and an unwavering commitment to action.

Thank you to everyone who joined us.

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[GMF Council is seeking an elected municipal official from Atlantic Canada](#)

FCM is looking for an elected municipal official from Atlantic Canada to join the Green

Municipal Fund Council, recognized as an environmental champion within their municipality or region. The ideal candidate will be a visionary leader with expertise in organizational governance, a deep understanding of the region's political, economic, social, and cultural landscape, and a commitment to environmental sustainability. The candidate will bring strong decision-making and management expertise, and a passion for sustainability to guide projects in energy, water, land use, transportation, circular economy, and integrated community planning. Join us to lead change and strategically influence municipal sustainability.

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EVENTS

Webinar: Urban forestry for every community

Urban forests are critical for a resilient, healthy and equitable community. Join our webinar and learn from a panel of experts on how communities of all sizes can build a robust urban forest management plan. This webinar will help you prioritize and develop an urban forest management program, provide you with practical insights on strategies that work for your community and share urban forest management best practices from municipalities in Canada.

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RESOURCES

Sustainability projects worth replicating: Key takeaways and winning strategies

FCM recognized nine municipalities and partners for their outstanding sustainability projects at the Sustainable Communities Conference 2025. These initiatives highlight bold visions and equity-focused strategies across areas like affordable housing, clean energy, resilient transportation systems and waste diversion. Their success stories offer valuable lessons for municipalities facing similar challenges.

» [DRAW INSPIRATION FROM THEIR STORIES](#)

Learn how to finance local climate action in your community

Financing municipal sustainability initiatives is a significant challenge for cities and communities of all sizes. FCM and ICLEI Canada's Partners for Climate Protection program created a guide that explains how to develop new types of financing to drive climate action on a large scale. You'll learn about group purchasing and community-owned renewable power, how to break the capital barriers with local improvements and energy performance contracts and how to create green revolving funds and green bonds.

» [READ THE GUIDE](#)

Build climate-resilient infrastructure today

Strengthen your community with infrastructure designed to stand the test of time. The new Resilient Infrastructure factsheet provides steps to assess risks, protect essential systems and create durable, equitable designs that serve your municipality for years to come.

Learn how to save costs, ensure continuous service and build a solid foundation that supports safety, accessibility and long-term success.

» [DOWNLOAD THE FACTSHEET](#)

FCM IN THE NEWS

» [Josh Morgan in D.C. to talk tariffs | CTV News](#)

The Mayor of the City of London and FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus Chair, Josh Morgan, was in Washington, D.C. from February 11 to 12 as part of an FCM and Canadian delegation to prevent the U.S. administration from imposing tariffs on Canadian goods.

» [Calgary is Canada's second most vulnerable city to U.S. tariffs, says report | CBC News](#)

A new analysis conducted by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce lists the Canadian cities that would be the most impacted if tariffs were imposed by the U.S. President Donald Trump. Of Canada's 41 biggest cities, the three most vulnerable are Saint John, Calgary and Windsor.

» [Vancouver council unanimous in fighting Trump's tariffs | Burnaby Now](#)

The City of Vancouver's municipal council wants to explore a series of measures to help businesses fight back against an expected economic blow coming from potential tariffs imposed by U.S. President Donald Trump. Vancouver City Councillor and FCM's President, Rebecca Bligh, was in Washington, D.C., from February 11 to 12 to meet with U.S. counterparts and government officials to talk about the ongoing trade war.

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Feb 12: #CDNMuni are essential partners on Team Canada in the face of a tariff war with the United States, and we'll always stand up for our communities. That's the message FCM reinforced with @CanEmbUSA officials this morning in Washington. #cdnpoli

Feb 13: #CDNMuni are central to Team Canada. FCM CEO @CaroleSaab, President @rebeccaleeblich Big City Mayors' Caucus Chair @MayorMorgan and Rural Forum Chair Neal Comeau met with U.S. senators, mayors and business leaders in Washington this week to underscore the vital relationships that make our Canada-U.S. partnership strong. #CDNMuni #cdnpoli

Feb 15: Happy #CanadianFlag Day! Our flag represents core values that unite us all, from coast to coast to coast – democracy, inclusion and equity. Now more than ever, Canadian communities stand together behind the red and white banner. We are all #TeamCanada.



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