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AC2025: Registration opening soon

Registration for FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show will be opening soon! An official launch date will be sent to your inbox shortly, so keep an eye out for FCM's upcoming communications!

Join us for the largest pan-Canadian gathering of elected officials from May 29th to June 1st. Our exciting program offers an excellent networking opportunity, as well as valuable tools and insights on how to address and embrace new challenges. Prepare for registration by browsing the **AC section** of our website and read through our **travel resources** and **accommodation options** as you start planning your upcoming trip to our Nation's Capital.

It's an event not to be missed!

NEWS

Deadline extended: Accelerating community energy systems

GMF's Accelerating community energy systems deadline is now extended to March 31st! Don't miss out on up to \$200K in funding and a two-year peer learning

opportunity to amplify your municipality's energy initiatives. Build sustainable, impactful solutions and drive local climate action. This is your chance to scale up efforts and create long-lasting change.

» [APPLY NOW](#)

Strengthening local governance through international partnerships

So far this year, over 100 volunteers from Canadian municipalities have been engaged in the Partnerships for Municipal Innovation - Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL) project.

The Association Nationale des Communes du Bénin, led by Executive Director Dr. Sègla Lihoussou, recently completed a knowledge exchange in Canada with the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, represented by Executive Director Jean-Marc Nadeau. This exchange focused on strengthening local governance through shared learning and collaboration.

On the other side of the globe, Kathy Jeffery, Councillor for Collingwood, was in Ghana exchanging with the National Association of Local Authorities of Ghana's Women's Caucus on leadership and conflict management skills to equip them to sustain the growth and empowerment of their network.

Facilitated through the PMI-WILL project, funded by Global Affairs Canada, these collaborations reinforce the importance of international partnerships in strengthening democratic institutions and increasing women's leadership in local government.

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EVENTS

Webinar: Urban forestry for every community

Communities of all sizes can be champions of strengthening local urban forestry efforts. Join our webinar to 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.
- Learn urban forest management best practices from municipalities in Canada.

» [REGISTER TODAY](#)

RESOURCES

N-ZAP's database reveals the state of climate action in Canada municipalities

On the route to net-zero emissions, Canadian municipalities need to know where they stand today. The new database and report from the Municipal Net-Zero Action Research Partnership (N-ZAP) provide an important snapshot of the state of climate action in local governments across Canada. These survey findings can guide your decision-making as you set ambitious targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and continue to move forward on the route to net zero.

» [EXPLORE THE DATABASE](#)

FCM IN THE NEWS

» [Canada and FCM invest \\$30 million to build resilient communities – ReNew Canada](#)

The federal government and FCM announced \$30 million for climate change adaptation initiatives in municipalities across the country.

» [County of St. Paul renews membership with Canadian Federation of Municipalities - Lakeland News](#)

The County of St. Paul, in Alberta, renewed its FCM membership. The Municipal Councillor Kevin Wirsta said that FCM seems familiar with some challenges facing municipalities in Western Canada.

» [Hearing Trump aide reinforce annexation plans 'chilling': N.L. premier | National Post](#)

The Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador Andrew Furey said it was “chilling” to hear a top White House adviser say U.S. President Donald Trump is serious about annexing Canada. Regarding tariff threats, an all-hands-on-deck approach is critical, said Rebecca Bligh, President of FCM. Rebecca Bligh was in Washington, D.C., where she pushed the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities to rally against the threats.

» [Greater Sudbury council to consider motion on responding to U.S. tariff threats | CBC News](#)

In light of multiple tariff threats from the U.S. administration, the Greater Sudbury City Council is asking the other orders of government for guidance on municipal procurement and to provide funding to industries that would be impacted by potential tariffs.

LOCAL DATA

StatsCan Plus: The labour market outcome of immigrants in the Francophone communities of Edmundston and Hawkesbury

Statistics Canada has released the first of a series of municipal data stories in StatsCAN Plus based on the wealth of disaggregated municipal data found in **Statistics Canada's Municipal Data Dashboards**. This is the result of a brand-new course, the Analytical Sprint, where analysts took up a research and writing challenge focused on municipal and local data. We invite you to discover this first story [here](#), as well as the next four articles coming out over the next few weeks!

SOCIAL MEDIA

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Feb 20: “With ongoing uncertainty in global markets, now is the time for a united Team Canada approach.” - [@LefebvrePaul](#)

<https://t.co/0lXW3lQi8l>

As the national voice of [#CDNMuni](#), FCM is actively collaborating with federal and provincial partners as we work together to face this economic challenge. Local governments are crucial players in a Team Canada response. [#cdnpoli](#)

Feb 20: Municipalities power Canada’s economy – and they’ll feel the impacts of a trade war with the United States deeply.

This week, FCM is connecting with member municipalities of all sizes and from every region of the country to hear their insights on the impact tariffs would have on them, and to ensure FCM’s advocacy reflects local realities.

Thanks to all who have already participated in the British Columbia and Prairies and Territories meetings.

We look forward to hearing from members in Atlantic Canada today and Ontario and Quebec tomorrow. [#CDNMuni](#) [#cdnpoli](#)

Feb 21: Today in Phoenix, Mayor of Winnipeg [@ScottGillingham](#) spoke with [@usmayors](#) representatives on behalf of FCM, highlighting the importance of a relationship between our two countries based on mutual prosperity and shared values. [#CDNMuni](#) [#cdnpoli](#)



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