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U.S. tariffs: a new FCM mission in Washington

With some tariffs now implemented and more to come in April, it is clear that this trade dispute will hurt communities, businesses, workers and supply chains on both sides of the border. Canadian and American local leaders must continue to work together and engage productively, as partners and neighbours do.

FCM's 1st VP and Ottawa City Councillor Tim Tierney and Board members Pam Mood, Mayor of Yarmouth and President of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, and Marc Doret, Mayor of Dorval, are in Washington to connect with our American counterparts at the National League of Cities. This trip is a part of our ongoing efforts to engage with local leaders in the U.S., highlighting the deep impact that tariffs will have on Canadian and American municipalities.

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NEWS

Annual Conference: Registration opens tomorrow!

Register for FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show 2025 starting at 1pm tomorrow.

This year, the theme Stronger Together: Local Strength, National Prosperity highlights the essential role that municipalities play as pillars supporting our country and as drivers of our economic prosperity. The 2025 Annual Conference, to be held from May 29 to June 1 in Ottawa, is the ideal opportunity to join forces and find concrete solutions for the future of our communities.

Discover our [program](#) and [plan your trip](#) today by consulting the [dedicated webpage](#). You can also choose one of our planned [study tours](#) to discover a fascinating new aspect of our country's capital and host city.

Be sure to take advantage of the early-bird discount starting tomorrow!

FCM advocates for local priorities in Budget 2025

FCM President Rebecca Bligh wrote to Finance Minister Dominic LeBlanc last week to share FCM's submission for the 2025 pre-budget consultation process. This document advocates for the priorities of local communities and the Canadians they serve from coast to coast to coast.

Our six recommendations call on the federal government to:

- Support Local Economic Growth and Resilience
- Invest in Infrastructure Renewal
- Achieve Housing Affordability
- End Homelessness
- Keep Communities Safe
- Invest in Climate-Resilient Infrastructure

These priorities support our call for a National Prosperity Partnership to ensure that municipalities—which constitute the foundation for economic growth—can reinvest in building a stronger, more resilient Canada.

» [READ THE FULL LETTER](#)

NEW WEBINAR: Advancing transit standards

Frequent and reliable public transit services are the lifeblood of economic growth in Canadian communities of all sizes. They offer effective solutions for many of the challenges faced by Canadians. As our population continues to grow, expanding and maintaining transit systems and their supporting infrastructure pose an increasingly urgent priority.

On March 26, join us and the Canadian Standards Association for a free webinar focused on how transit standards can support municipalities to enhance the efficiency, safety and sustainability of transit systems across the country.

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EVENTS

Webinar: Building for the future with better community housing

Is your municipality looking to build community housing that's affordable and energy-efficient? Join our webinar on Thursday, March 27, at 2 p.m. ET to:

- Gain valuable insights from a Canadian municipality's award-winning development
- Get ideas on key considerations such as approach, scope and funding model
- Learn how projects like this one can strengthen your community

You'll hear directly from representatives of the Region of Waterloo, winners of a 2024 Sustainable Communities Award.

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RESOURCES

Discover your options for energy-efficient affordable housing with GMF funding

GMF's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative funds studies to support the integration of leading-edge deep energy efficiency measures and onsite renewable energy generation in existing affordable housing retrofit and new build projects. Housing providers can use a study grant of up to \$250,000 to assess the approaches needed to implement an eligible pilot or capital project in detail.

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A self-sustaining way to finance energy upgrades

The Town of Caledon's Corporate Energy Revolving Fund finances energy upgrades through solar revenue, energy incentives and savings from past projects. Established

in 2015, it grows over time, funding new initiatives without taxpayer dollars or the annual budget. You can start something similar in your municipality with an initial energy upgrade investment from GMF's Community Buildings Retrofit initiative.

» [READ THE FULL CASE STUDY](#)

Driving community benefits with a e-bike incentive program

Looking for a cost-effective way to provide residents with green transportation? The FCM Sustainable Communities Award-winning e-bike incentive program in Saanich, B.C., has already distributed over 380 incentives, offering affordable, eco-friendly transportation and reducing reliance on traditional vehicles.

This proven model is being adopted across B.C. and North America.

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Ville de Longueuil's bold vision for natural area protection

In 2023, Ville de Longueuil adopted a plan to expand its protected natural areas by 1,500 hectares, aiming to protect 21% of its territory by 2030. The initiative focuses on enhancing regional biodiversity, building resilience to climate impacts, and providing citizens with greater access to green spaces.

This forward-thinking project won an FCM 2024 Sustainable Communities Award in the natural assets category.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» [FCM's CEO Carole Saab | March 4, 2025 | CPAC's PrimeTime Politics](#)
FCM's CEO Carole Saab did an interview with CPAC, where she spoke about the economic impact U.S. tariffs will have on Canadian municipalities, local governments "Buy Canadian" initiatives and the organisation's work with American counterparts, including in Washington, D.C. [20:06-27:45]

» [Cross Border Network | Municipal Affairs | FCM Delegation Advocates in Washington](#)
FCM's second Vice President Kathy Valentino, FCM's Rural Forum Chair Neal Comeau, and Board of Directors Member Alysson Storey talked to Christopher Brown from Cross Border about their trip to Washington, D.C., where they had discussions with representatives of the National Association of Counties.

» [Storey part of last-ditch Canadian effort to turn tide on tariffs | Chatham Daily News](#)

Chatham's (Ontario) Municipal Councillor Alysson Storey went over her Washington, D.C., trip as part of an FCM delegation to help inform U.S. municipal politicians and representatives of the National Association of Counties about the impact of tariffs implemented by the U.S. administration.

» **According to Mayor Bruno Marchand, the tariff crisis could be an 'opportunity' | JDQ**

Quebec City Mayor Bruno Marchand said that the trade war with the United States represents an 'opportunity' for the province of Quebec and for Laval University in particular to recruit American researchers. During his mission to Washington, D.C., Mayor Marchand met with Republican elected officials to explain the undesirable effects of tariffs on American citizens.

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Mar 9: Congratulations to [@MarkJCarney](#), new leader of the [@liberal_party](#).

In these times of economic uncertainty, Canadians are looking to all orders of government to work together with urgency to protect local economies in a sustainable and resilient way. It's critical for national prosperity that municipalities across the country come out of the current economic challenge with sure footing. We look forward to working together to achieve this goal and more.

Our thanks to Prime Ministe [@JustinTrudeau](#) for nearly a decade of strong

Mar 9: Municipal leaders are uniquely positioned to convey the true impact of tariffs on both sides of the border. That's what FCM representatives VP [TimTierney](#), Mayor Pam Mood and Mayor Marc Doret are focused on in Washington this weekend.

Thanks to [@leagueofcities](#) for the engaging and productive day. Stay tuned for more tomorrow. [#CCC25](#) [#CDNMuni](#) [#cdnpoli](#)

Mar 10: Productive meetings continue for FCM representatives VP [@TimTierney](#), Mayor Pam Mood and Mayor Marc Doret in Washington.

Tariffs will hurt communities of all sizes in Canada and the United States. Municipal leaders are uniquely positioned to convey the true impact of tariffs – on both sides of the border. [#CCC25](#) [#CDNMuni](#) [#cdnpoli](#)

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