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Election 2025 – Stronger together

Amid a critical time for Canada, Prime Minister Mark Carney has triggered a federal election for April 28 – and national economic resilience is on the line. Only with thriving local economies can we achieve national prosperity.

Municipal leaders are already standing up for Canada, but we need a smarter, long-term approach, in which all orders of government work together for the benefit of Canadians.

That's why FCM is advocating for a National Prosperity Partnership, so we can support growth, invest in resilient infrastructure and ensure everyone has an affordable and safe place to live.

We're counting on you to champion our shared priorities to your local federal candidates. Stay tuned for more.

» **WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER**

NEWS

Take advantage of our early bird pricing: Register to AC2025 today

Secure your spot at this year's Annual Conference, taking place in Ottawa from May 29 to June 1. With the theme *Stronger Together: Local Strength, National Prosperity*, we will explore the vital role that municipalities play as pillars that support our country and drive economic prosperity. Early bird pricing ends April 23.

Don't miss this chance to:

- Be a part of thought-provoking discussions on current topics
- Attend our new rural stream to learn about the unique opportunities and challenges faced by these communities
- Be inspired by Ottawa's municipal projects and innovations through our study tours
- Network and learn about best practices and gain new tools through our workshops and plenaries.

» **REGISTER NOW**

Deadline today: Submit your idea for the AC2025 Municipal Den

Has your community been working on a project that you would like to share? This is your chance to join some of Canada's most innovative leaders and municipalities as they showcase their groundbreaking ideas, programs and projects to build stronger communities. Each presenter in the Municipal Den will have five minutes and five presentation slides to captivate the audience and spark enthusiasm for their initiative, service or big idea. Municipal Den presentations will take place on the afternoon of May 30 during the 2025 FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show in Ottawa.

» **SHARE YOUR IDEAS HERE**

FCM's Board nominations are now open

Have you always been interested in serving on FCM's Board of Directors? If so, you may want to consider submitting your nomination to join!

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. Board

directors meet in person and/or virtually three times per year, with some committee meetings in between.

This year, elections for FCM's Board of Directors will take place during our **Annual Conference and Trade Show** from May 29 to June 1, 2025, in Ottawa.

For more details on the nomination process, **election changes taking effect this year** and all required submissions, please visit our website.

» **SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION TODAY**

News on Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund

FCM has received a letter from Minister Erskine-Smith, outlining key details on the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF). This letter confirms that applications are open, with a final deadline of March 31, 2025. Given strong interest, competitive applications should clearly demonstrate how projects enable new housing and include measures to reduce development costs. Municipalities are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. For more details on the CHIF and how to strengthen your application, please review the Minister's letter to FCM linked below.

» **READ THE LETTER**

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 March 31.

» **APPLY NOW**

EVENTS

Last chance to register for our Collective webinar

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.

» **REGISTER TODAY**

Webinar: Strengthen your community with energy-efficient affordable housing

Sustainable community housing is not only possible, but it could be less challenging than you'd think. The Region of Waterloo undertook an award-winning project that responds to the local affordable housing crisis, lowers energy costs for tenants, creates jobs and reduces greenhouse gas emissions—and they're eager to help others follow their example.

Join our webinar on March 27 at 2 p.m. ET to discover the advantages of housing that's designed for affordability, energy efficiency and community engagement.

» [SIGN UP TODAY](#)

RESOURCES

Land use planning around rail corridors

As the Canadian population grows, new housing builds are moving closer to railways. It's vital that everyone involved in land development plan early to ensure people and rails coexist safely. FCM and the Railway Association of Canada developed railway proximity guidelines to help determine general planning policies when developing on lands in proximity to railway facilities.

By working together, municipalities, railway operators, and developers have the power to shape livable cities for today and tomorrow.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» Ottawa councillor warns U.S. mayors of the costs of Trump's trade war | Ottawa Citizen

FCM's First Vice-President and Ottawa City Councillor, Tim Tierney, was in Washington, D.C., with an FCM delegation to meet with American counterparts from the National League of Cities. Vice-President Tierney told U.S. elected officials that tariffs will be felt on both sides of the border.

» Sherbrooke to obtain funding for an ecocentre | La Tribune

The City of Sherbrooke (Quebec) has received a positive response from FCM to set up a circular ecocentre "to increase the diversion rate to over 60%". The loan, combined with a grant of up to \$6.4 million, comes from the Green Municipal Fund.

» **Pearson: Municipal growth framework worth adopting | Sudbury Star**
The former Member of Parliament for London North Centre (Ontario), Glen Pearson, outlines a case for a new Municipal Growth Framework. He says that the federal and provincial orders of government must give more resources to municipalities to tackle urgent issues, from homelessness and crippled infrastructure. "The Federation of Canadian Municipalities is attempting to tackle such oversight by introducing the Municipal Growth Framework. It's an effort to realign Canada's policies with its greatest potential, its people."

» **Trade war will 'hurt us both,' Canadian delegation tells American municipal leaders | CBC News**
Yarmouth's Mayor Pam Mood (Nova Scotia) was part of an FCM delegation that attended the National League of Cities conference in Washington, D.C. The group stressed to their American counterparts that the ongoing trade war is hurting everyone. The Canadian delegation also met with the Democratic Mayors Association.

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Mar 20: Across the country, in communities large and small, municipal leaders are at the forefront of a national response to the current economic challenges. This has been a core theme to this week's Board of Directors meeting in Dorval, where the Board reaffirmed commitment to members and highlighted recent engagements with municipal leaders on both sides of the border.

Local leaders are standing up for Canadians – because we are stronger together. [#CDNMuni](#)
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Mar 20: Bonne Journée internationale de la Francophonie!

French is the first language of nearly a quarter of Canadians who contribute to the vibrant diversity of our communities. March 20 is an important reminder to celebrate the richness of our national fabric, francophone Canadians and communities across the country. [#CDNMuni](#)
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Mar 23: The current economic challenges we are facing as a country make [#Elxn45](#) one of the most important federal election campaigns to date. As Canadians head to the polls to decide who will form our next government, safeguarding the long-term prosperity of all our communities must be paramount. This work starts in our communities – for which municipal leaders are the strongest advocates.

We need a new approach that moves beyond crisis-reaction mode towards a stronger future for all Canadians. [Read more](#)



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