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Discover the workshops at FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show

This year's workshops descriptions are now online. Join us in Ottawa from May 29 to June 1 for our annual conference which features interactive and innovative workshops. These workshops will provide you with valuable insights into some of the essential tools municipalities need to serve their communities, highlighting best practices and offering a unique perspective from rural, Francophone and Indigenous communities.

Here are just some of the workshops offered:

- On time, on budget: Building tomorrow's infrastructure with today's budgets— Presented by CSA Group
- Shaping the new federal rural infrastructure agenda: Unleashing rural economies through infrastructure
- Building healthy and resilient communities

Register for AC2025 now as the early bird discount ends April 23.

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FCM Board Elections: Nominations open

Are you also interested in making a difference in your municipality and others across Canada? We are pleased to share the first nominees for Table Officer positions. To learn more, please go to **Meet the Candidates**. Acclaimed candidates will be announced, and, if necessary, elections will take place at the Annual General Meeting on June 1 in Ottawa.

FCM is currently accepting nominations for its Board of Directors. Submit now for a director position due May 18 or a table officer position due May 11. This year, elections for FCM's Board of Directors will take place during our Annual Conference and Trade Show. More details on the nomination process, election cycle changes taking effect this year and all required submissions are available online.

» **SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION TODAY**

Have your say in Canada's first National Infrastructure Assessment

The Federal Government's **Canadian Infrastructure Council (CIC)** is seeking your community's input in an online survey. We invite your expertise and insights to help shape the Council's work towards the delivery of Canada's first **National Infrastructure Assessment (NIA)**. The first NIA will focus on the core public infrastructure needed to build more housing, water and wastewater, public transit and active transportation, and the impacts on these systems from population growth and climate change. FCM will also make a submission as part of its ongoing collaboration with the Council. For more information contact **Lauri Lidstone, FCM's Manager of Policy and Research**.

» **COMPLETE THE SURVEY**

Strengthening local resilience: Canadian municipalities join Tunisia climate action project

FCM recently hosted the first meeting of Canadian municipal partners participating in the Inclusive Climate Action in Tunisian Municipalities (ICATM) project. This initiative aims to strengthen the resilience of local communities while placing equity and inclusion at the heart of this endeavour.

The meeting in Ottawa brought together 18 participants from 7 municipalities across 5 provinces, all committed to collaborating with their Tunisian counterparts over the next five years. Through this partnership, they will work on implementing inclusive and nature-based climate adaptation initiatives. During the workshop, our partners gained deeper insight into the ICATM project, their role, and the climate challenges Tunisian municipalities face. The first exchange visits to Tunisia are set to begin in May 2025. *The ICATM project is funded by Global Affairs Canada and implemented by FCM.*

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EVENTS

Accelerate the transition to sustainable transportation by 2050

Ready to drive your transition to EV transportation? Join us on Thursday, April 10 at 2 p.m. ET for the *Moving towards 2050: Shifting transportation behaviours* webinar where municipal leaders and EV experts discuss real-world strategies for switching to electric vehicles. Learn how to overcome funding, infrastructure and adoption challenges and accelerate your community's shift to cleaner, more efficient transportation.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Big city mayors from U.S., Canada, Mexico take tariff fight to D.C. - YouTube**

Municipal elected officials from across Canada, the United States and Mexico gathered in Washington, D.C. for a trilateral summit to show a united front in their call for the U.S. administration to end its tariffs. FCM was one of the organisers of the summit with the U.S. Conference of Mayors that was held on March 27-28.

» **NB mayor: Municipal leaders united against tariffs | CTV News**

The Mayor of Grand Bay-Westfield (New Brunswick), Brittany Merrifield, was part of a mayor's delegation representing FCM at the 2025 Mayor's Trade Summit in Washington, D.C.

» **Regina mayor joins counterparts from across North America in D.C. to call for end of trade war | CBC News**

Regina's Mayor Chad Bachynski joined a conference of mayors hosted by the U.S. Conference of Mayors and FCM to call for an end to the growing trade war between the United States and its neighbours.

» **Olivia Chow in Washington for tariff trade summit | Toronto Star**

Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow joined a coalition of two dozen of her peers from cities across North America to speak out in opposition to U.S. President Donald Trump's trade war. Rebecca Bligh, Vancouver Councillor and FCM's President, said the trade war has created an "existential crisis" and an "uncertain future" for many.

» **Canadian municipalities continue leading the tariff fight - Municipal World**

FCM has been at the forefront of numerous conversations with American municipal leaders. One of the most recent discussions took place at a gathering of the National League of Cities, in Washington, D.C. Municipal World talked to Tim Tierney, Ottawa Councillor and FCM's First Vice-President, and Pam Mood, Mayor of Yarmouth, in Nova Scotia, and President of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities.

RESOURCES

Case study: Turning waste heat into community power

Metro Vancouver is turning waste heat from sewage and solid waste into sustainable energy. With its award-winning innovative policy and guide for district energy facilities, the region is reducing fossil fuel reliance, cutting emissions and sparking the development of several new projects.

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National Tourism Week: a reminder of the power of tourism

This week is **National Tourism week** and Destination Canada's Destination Development team is excited to support FCM members in building their community tourism strategies. The new Destination Development tool kit will be presented during FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show showcasing the many resources available to communities creating a strong, sustainable visitor economy. Come to Ottawa prepared to make connections and learn more about the power of tourism.

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Apr 2: In these critical times, all orders of government must stand shoulder to shoulder to immediately protect Canadians and ensure that we strengthen economic growth.

We can—and must—emerge from this crisis stronger.

Today, more than ever, a National Prosperity Partnership is essential to strengthen the capacity of municipalities, of all sizes, to support Canada's ability to weather crises and build a sustainable future.

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Apr 2: Amid economic tensions with the U.S., how can we ensure Canada's strength in the long term? The answer starts in our communities.

We're calling on federal parties for a National Prosperity Partnership—a structural conversation about how Canada funds and enables economic growth—so we can work together to move our country forward.

More at [#CDNMuni #cdnpoli #Elxn45](http://strongertogether.fcm.ca)

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Apr 5: WEEKLY RECAP | The top campaign announcements linked to municipal priorities this past week

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