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## AC2025: Register by midnight tomorrow for early bird pricing!

You have until tomorrow night to secure the early bird rate for FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show, *Stronger, Together: Local Strength, National Prosperity*, taking place in Ottawa from May 29 to June 1.

In the coming weeks, Canada will be faced with big decisions that will influence the future of the country, local governments and, of course, its people. Join more than 1,500 elected officials in addressing shared challenges and implementing tangible solutions for real and lasting change in our communities. Register by midnight ET tomorrow and take advantage of the early bird pricing!

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**NEWS**

[Send a letter to your local federal candidates](#)

With less than one week left before Election Day, your engagement with local candidates is critical. Local leaders see firsthand how municipalities drive economic growth and improve quality of life for Canadians. To truly unlock our nation's potential and move Canada forward, we need a strong partnership with all orders of government that ensures local solutions are the foundation of Canada's long-term economic strength. FCM's customizable letter template and our **set of questions** on municipal priorities can help you share these issues with your local candidates or invite them to meet in person.

Be sure to review the full letter and adjust the customizable fields.

» **SEND A LETTER NOW**

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### **Only one month left to submit your nominations**

With the FCM Board of Directors' election just over a month away, now is your chance to declare your candidacy! Submit your nomination 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 in Ottawa.

More details on the nomination process, **election changes taking effect this year** and all required submissions are available online.

» **SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION**

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### **Supporting Canadian exporters through U.S. tariff challenges**

Does your municipality have businesses that export to the United States?

Canadian goods that are compliant with the Canada-United States-Mexico (CUSMA) rules of origin may be exempt from tariffs imposed on Canada by the U.S. As a result of FCM advocacy, the Trade Commissioner Service has updated their online resources to help businesses navigate the situation with information on:

- CUSMA compliance
- Provincial and territorial export support and responses
- FAQs

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### **New support for Canadian businesses affected by U.S. tariffs**

On April 15, the Government of Canada announced temporary 6-month relief for a variety of goods imported from the U.S. This provides immediate relief to a broad cross-section of Canadian businesses that rely on U.S. inputs to support their competitiveness as well as to entities integral to Canadians' health and safety, such as hospitals, long-term care facilities and fire departments.

This announcement follows FCM's advocacy to Finance Canada on the impact tariffs have on municipalities, including U.S.-made emergency vehicles such as fire trucks.

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## EVENTS

### **This week: Learn how to create lasting value through sustainability**

Municipalities are prioritizing projects that solve multiple challenges at once. Join our free webinar on April 24 to learn how sustainability initiatives can address environmental, social and economic issues simultaneously. Our expert panel, including a Managing Director from the Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation and a Program Manager at the City of Richmond, Ontario, will share invaluable insights and real-world examples to help guide your own municipal initiatives.

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### **Events and training for tackling key municipal challenges**

To help local leaders act on the most pressing issues facing Canadian municipalities today, the Green Municipal Fund is offering even more events and training.

Start building your skillset on topics such as energy modelling, planning a Community Efficiency Financing program, building climate resilience with asset management and more!

» [EXPLORE OUR WEBINARS AND ONLINE COURSES](#)

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## FCM IN THE NEWS

### **» [Mayors assess federal parties' platforms on housing | CPAC | YouTube](#)**

Amid the ongoing federal election campaign, mayors Andy Fillmore (Halifax), Josh Morgan (London) and Cynthia Block (Saskatoon) discussed the impact of the housing crisis on their municipalities and the need for more housing supply. The elected officials also reacted to what the main federal parties are proposing to tackle this issue.

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### **» [Climate change: Ottawa wants to avoid bridge collapses | Radio-Canada](#)**

Nearly 40 percent of bridges across the country are in very poor, poor or fair condition, according to the latest Canada Infrastructure Report Card, to which several organizations contributed, including FCM. Experts warn that climate change will accelerate the deterioration of bridges in coming years.

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### **» [Council approves borrowing \\$30M to expand green retrofit loan programs | Calgary Herald](#)**

Calgary's city council will keep the Clean Energy Improvement Program for an additional two years, which help residents pay for energy-efficient renovation projects on their residences. The program had a \$15-million initial budget, which included a \$10-million grant from FCM and \$5 million from the city's fiscal sustainability reserve.

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## RESOURCES

### Financing tools for local climate action

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 local governments can develop new types of financing to drive climate action on a large scale, moving from small projects and pilots to implementing system-wide programs, policies and initiatives. Learn about six financial tools that have the potential to fund the climate actions necessary to help your community meet its emission targets.

» [READ THE GUIDE](#)

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### Durham's award-winning approach to flood risk

"Not all communities are equally prepared to deal with climate change, so the equity lens is very important," said Mani Rajendran from the Region of Durham. Their award-winning flood risk assessment prioritizes vulnerable roads near communities facing barriers like limited accessibility and resources. This approach ensures more support for those most at risk. Learn how Durham's work is guiding asset management and can be replicated in your municipality.

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### The HodgePodge Lodge: A model of circular economy

Strathcona County's HodgePodge Lodge is an award-winning community hub that diverts waste from landfills while fostering local connections. Residents donate and take items for free, reducing costs and promoting reuse. The Lodge provides volunteer opportunities, youth work experience and community partnerships, all while supporting sustainability.

» [READ THE CASE STUDY](#)

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## LOCAL DATA

[Statistics Canada resources for municipalities](#)

Statistics Canada has recently published a series of resources for municipalities focusing on local government statistics. The agency updated the Municipal Financial Data Dashboard by adding eight cities and releasing more detailed estimates of water expenses for 44 municipalities. Additionally, Statistics Canada is releasing experimental drinking water plant capacity utilization estimates, at the provincial level.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

### Connect with us on social media

Follow FCM on social media to keep up to date with the latest municipal news, resources, and more! Find us on:



**Apr 10:** Have you registered for [#FCM2025AC](#)? You won't want to miss your chance to connect with other municipal elected officials, industry experts and federal representatives to address key challenges in your community.

Early bird deadline is April 23. Don't wait!

<http://fcm.ca/ac>

**Apr 16:** Now more than ever, we need infrastructure that enables businesses, unlocks trade, drives local job creation, boosts productivity and lays the groundwork for increased housing supply.

That's why we're calling on all federal parties to commit to a National Prosperity Partnership—a structural conversation about how Canada funds and enables economic growth. That way, all orders of government can work together to ensure stronger local infrastructure, a more resilient national economy and a better future for all Canadians.

Learn more at <https://t.co/xxNuLEPTnZ>  
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**Apr 19:** FCM is pushing for a National Prosperity Partnership to ensure all orders of government can build a stronger, more resilient Canada – together.

Learn more and take action at <https://t.co/FHqI5BS9V1>.  
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