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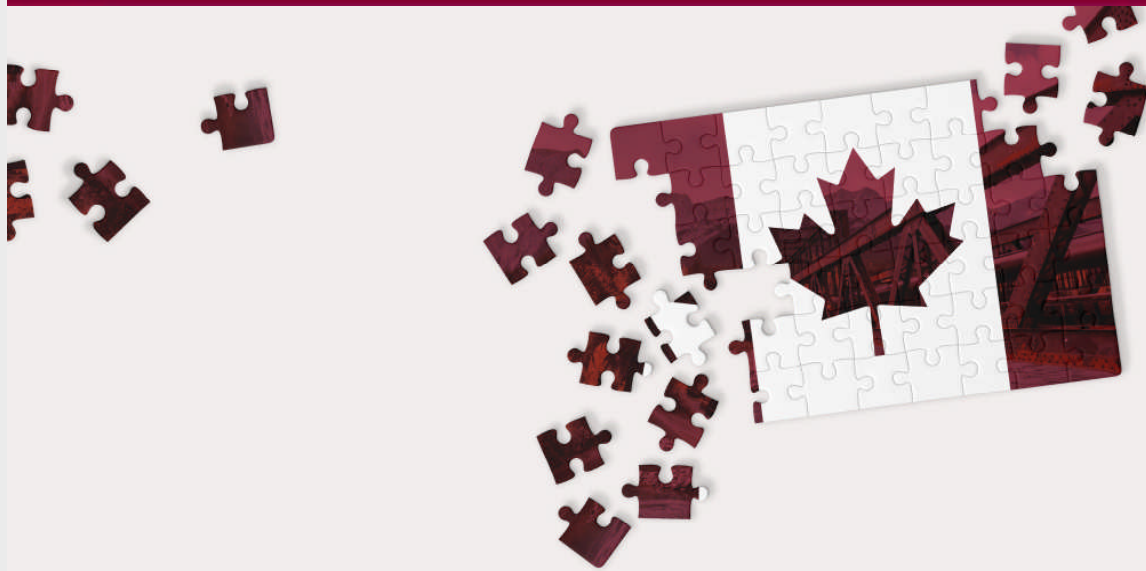
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Election 2025: Local strength, national prosperity

It's election day for one of the most important federal elections to date. Canadians are faced with deep economic uncertainty, housing and affordability crises, damaging impacts of climate change, a need for infrastructure renewal, and public safety concerns.

Municipalities have, for the last 5 weeks, been calling on federal candidates for commitments to true partnership across orders of government. We know that the answer to bolstering national economic resilience and long-term prosperity starts in our communities.

FCM's call for a National Prosperity Partnership doesn't end when polls close. We look forward to engaging with the new government, opposition parties and all stakeholders to address this national priority. Together, we can deliver the quality-of-life Canadians deserve. Through local strength, we can achieve national prosperity.

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NEWS

Supreme Court affirms municipal authority on telecommunications towers

On Friday, April 25, the **Supreme Court of Canada affirmed that municipalities have the authority** to regulate telecommunication infrastructure on public land, upholding a Federal Court of Appeal ruling from last year that sided with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

This ruling concludes a prolonged court challenge by telecommunications carriers that centered around access to municipal land for the installation of 5G small cells. The ruling preserves local governments' jurisdiction regarding input and oversight during these installations. FCM's Legal Defense Fund was instrumental in supporting this legal process.

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Annual Conference and Trade Show

May 29 to June 1, 2025
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Book your AC2025 hotel now!

Will you be attending FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show? Plan your trip to Ottawa now to lock in special discount rates for accommodation.

Today is the last day to take advantage of these rates, so act fast. Rooms are selling quickly and only a select few of our partner hotels are available. Please note that All reservations must be made under a unique name. Multiple rooms reserved under one name will not be permitted.

You have until midnight tonight, so book now!

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AC2025's Trade Show: 150 partners ready to meet municipal leaders

Held alongside FCM's Annual Conference, the trade show is your opportunity to connect with more than 150 partners, experts and suppliers in the municipal sector.

Presented by Canadian Telecommunications Association, our trade show brings together a wide range of exhibitors from various sectors, showcasing the depth and diversity of expertise in the municipal space. Attendees will be able to connect with organizations leading the way in housing, sustainable development, infrastructure, emerging technologies and public transit.

While you are at it, we encourage you to check out the full **Annual Conference and Trade Show program** for complete details on all the exciting activities we have planned!

» **EXPLORE THE EXHIBITOR LISTING**

AC2025: Explore the GMF Zone where where solutions meet local impact

Are you looking for insightful strategies to make your community more resilient and sustainable? The GMF Zone at AC2025 is your launchpad for action. From actionable solutions and expert guidance to municipal leaders' success stories, GMF Zone will provide you with practical insights and strategies that can turn your big plans into real impact. Dive into hands-on sessions on municipal climate budgeting, strengthening partnerships with Indigenous communities, and launching energy-efficient, affordable housing projects—then bring those strategies home to drive real change in your community.

Don't miss your chance to get informed and get moving to build a more resilient community.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **FCM Municipal Leaders Talk About the Federal Leaders' Debates | Cross Border Network**

Neal Comeau, Sturgeon County Councillor (AB), Donna Salvati, Val-Morin Mayor (QC), and Rowena Santos, Brampton Councillor (ON), talked about the Federal Leaders' Debates with *Cross Border Network*. The FCM panel of municipal elected officials also addressed the challenges facing municipalities amid the federal election.

» **Parksville endorses councillor for Federation of Canadian Municipalities | Parksville Qualicum Beach News**

Councillor Sean Wood has been endorsed by the City of Parksville's council, NB, to stand for election as a director on FCM's Board of Directors.

» **Cambridge pushes for fair share of property taxes | Cambridge Times**

Through a resolution, the City of Cambridge, ON, is asking the provincial and federal governments to share more of the money they collect from property sales to help cities

pay for roads, bridges, public transit and water systems. Copies of the resolution will be sent to FCM.

» **Carney meets Marchand in Old Quebec | Radio-Canada**

The Liberal Party of Canada leader Mark Carney met with Quebec City Mayor Bruno Marchand on April 22. Mayor Marchand also met with the Bloc Québécois leader Yves-François Blanchet before the federal election campaign.

RESOURCES

Extend the life of buildings through adaptive reuse

Municipalities across Canada can drive urban transformation by choosing adaptive reuse over demolition. For example, authorities in Trois-Rivières, Quebec issued renovation permits for minor work in 82% of their projects—demonstrating that communities already invest in reuse. Our new factsheet offers practical strategies to update policies, streamline permit processes and actively engage residents in sustainable redevelopment.

» [READ THE FACTSHEET](#)

How to set greenhouse gas reduction targets for Canadian cities

Are you looking for a resource to help your municipality establish and meet greenhouse gas reduction targets? FCM and ICLEI Canada's Partners for Climate Protection program can help with a guide that offers advice on how to develop targets and climate action plans aimed at establishing healthier, more sustainable communities. Learn how to identify factors influencing greenhouse gas emissions and what your community can do to build an effective climate approach.

» [READ THE GUIDE](#)

Planting trees to restore and connect ecosystems

Are you looking to create a healthier ecosystem in your community? Read our factsheet, *Planting trees to restore and connect ecosystems*, which covers strategies on how thoughtful tree planting and urban forest management can restore and connect habitats to strengthen your community's ecosystem health and structure. From identifying new areas that need restoration to protecting existing natural assets, this resource provides key steps and real-life examples from other Canadian municipalities to guide your urban forestry efforts.

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Apr 25: RECAP | Here's what the parties' election platforms contain on municipal issues.

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Apr 26: How can infrastructure create a better future for Canadians?

Prioritizing local infrastructure can enable trade, move people more efficiently and get our goods to new markets—all while creating local jobs. FCM President [@rebeccaleeblich](#) explains how investing in local strength creates national prosperity.

FCM is calling for a National Prosperity Partnership that would see all orders of government collaborate on today's most pressing issues, including infrastructure. [#CDNMuni](#) [#cdnpoli](#) [#Elxn45](#)

Apr 28: How do we emerge from this crisis stronger?

Canada is in the midst of a trade war with its closest neighbour, an unprecedented housing crisis, and a \$240-billion local infrastructure backlog.

If we want to build long-term prosperity for all Canadians, we have to start doing things differently.

FCM President [@rebeccaleeblich](#) explains why a National Prosperity Partnership is the way forward. [#CDNMuni](#) [#cdnpoli](#) [#Elxn45](#)



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