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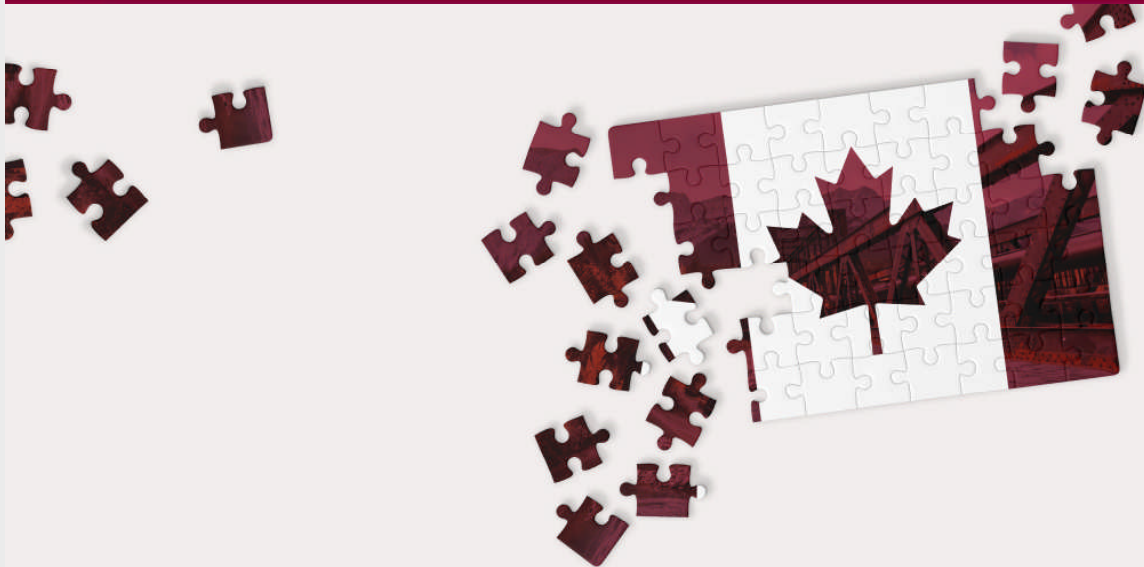
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FCM VOICE
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Federal election: next steps and first 100 days

Throughout the campaign, FCM has consistently advocated for priorities like economic resilience, infrastructure renewal and housing affordability, as well as public safety, climate resilience and rural needs.

Additionally, FCM emphasized the need for a National Prosperity Partnership: a new municipal fiscal arrangement that would improve Canadians' lives and advance our economic prosperity.

Now that Canadians have voted and elected a new government, FCM will closely monitor its crucial first 100 days. Stay engaged by reading our **response in full to these election results**, and our breakdown of the **incoming minority government's priorities**.

» **Congratulate your newly-elected MP with a direct letter**

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May 29 to June 1, 2025
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Get a sneak peek of FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show panelists

AC2025 attendees can expect a wide range of engaging workshops and plenary sessions designed to inspire and equip you with practical tools for tackling your municipal challenges. This year, FCM has gathered top-calibre speakers who are passionate about the priorities that matter to municipalities. Join us in Ottawa and connect with colleagues from across the Canada who share your goals and understand your realities.

Stay tuned as **more names will be added to our website** in the coming weeks!

» **REGISTER TODAY**

Attend practical sessions on municipal solutions at the GMF Zone

Is your municipality looking for tailored advice on funding applications or climate budgeting? The GMF Zone at FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show is your place to dive into expert-led sessions on topics that matter to your municipality, such as aligning your municipal budgets with climate goals and launching sustainable affordable housing initiatives. These sessions will provide you solutions, relevant tools and guidance that you can apply when you're back home.

» **CHECK OUT THE SESSION LINE UP**

Deadlines approaching for FCM's Table Officer positions

Have you always been interested in participating in FCM's leadership? If so, you may want to consider submitting your nomination to join! The deadline to submit your nomination as a table officer is approaching fast. Make sure to head over to our website to submit your documents before May 11.

This year, elections for FCM's Board of Directors will take place during our Annual Conference and Trade Show. For all the required documentation and to learn about all the **election changes taking effect this year** please visit our website.

» **SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION TODAY**

NEWS

Applications are now open for the First Nation–Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative

FCM and Cando are pleased to announce the call for the First Nation – Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) Phase IV–Accelerated 2-Year Program from 2025-2027.

CEDI supports First Nations and neighbouring municipalities to build strong, collaborative relationships, leading to joint community economic development initiatives. This call for proposals offers a unique opportunity for communities to access dedicated resources and expertise, fostering mutually beneficial economic partnerships.

Eight partnerships will be selected from all over Canada. They will receive guidance in creating strategic economic initiatives that will boost local economies. Ideal applicants include communities seeking to strengthen existing relationships or communities looking to build new partnerships. Deadline to apply is May 30.

» **SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION**

GMF Council is looking for an elected official from Ontario

FCM is accepting applications for one elected municipal official from Ontario to join the Green Municipal Fund Council. We're seeking a recognized environmental leader with a passion for sustainability, expertise in organizational governance and a deep understanding of Ontario's political, economic, social and cultural landscape.

As a Council member, you'll play a key role in guiding strategic investments in impactful municipal projects that strengthen communities and contribute to a more prosperous, sustainable Canada. Bring your visionary leadership and collaborate with sustainability leaders to drive transformative initiatives and promote environmental stewardship in communities across Canada.

» **APPLY NOW**

RESOURCES

New tariff relief for municipal emergency services

In response to FCM's advocacy to the federal government, remissions are now available for municipal counter-tariff payments on emergency response services. This means the Government of Canada will offer your municipality relief on increased costs due to tariffs under the following conditions.

1. The good is imported into Canada before October 16, 2025;
2. No other claim for relief of the surtax has been granted under the Customs Tariff in respect of the goods; and

3. The importer makes a claim for remission to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness within two years after the date of importation.

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Have your say on guidelines for rail adjacent developments

The Railway Association of Canada is working to update the 2013 Proximity Guidelines to enhance safety, sustainability and community well-being in rail adjacent developments. The guidelines serve to maintain safety and provide guidance to developers and communities when considering residential or industrial development in proximity to rail.

The goal of the modernization is to provide a risk-based approach to safely develop near rail operations while enabling communities and railways to grow and thrive. **Modernized guidelines will offer clear and practical guidance** on how and when to consider noise, vibrations and emissions impacts from rail operations.

» [COMPLETE THE SURVEY](#)

Building for the future with better community housing

Is your municipality looking to build community housing that's affordable and energy-efficient? Watch this webinar recording 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.

» [WATCH THE WEBINAR RECORDING](#)

FCM IN THE NEWS

» [Mayor Gondek hopes PM Carney's view of cities is more than just 'lip service' | LiveWire Calgary](#)

Calgary Mayor Jyoti Gondek hopes Canada's new prime minister follows through on a recognition that cities are a vital part of the country's economy. "We need bold, concrete federal action that matches the reality on the ground, real investment in core infrastructure, public transit, as well as the fiscal tools that will allow cities to keep growing in a sustainable way," she said.

» [Ottawa mayor hails 'opportunity' as local MP becomes prime minister | Ottawa Citizen](#)

Ottawa Mayor Mark Sutcliffe says he is looking forward to advancing the city's priorities with the new federal government. During the election campaign, Mayor Sutcliffe, along with Gatineau Mayor Maude Marquis-Bissonnette, sent a joint letter to the main federal parties asking for more economic support for the Ottawa-Gatineau region.

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May 1: Learn best practices. Gain new insights. Connect with local leaders and hear about their experiences and challenges.

You'll benefit from these and more at FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show.

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<http://fcm.ca/ac>

#FCM2025AC | Laurent Tétrault, @drewdilkens, Bruno Marchand

May 2: "We need to have a conversation about how do we fund growth. How do we fund the priorities that we need to deliver, so that Canadians can enjoy both a better quality of life but also a strong and stable economy," @carolesaab

<https://t.co/D4hevSTy5u>

@PTP_CPAC's @michaelserapio speaks with @carolesaab, FCM's CEO, and @laingcandace, President and CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, about what the new Canadian government should prioritize. #CDNMuni #cdnpoli

May 2: "A stronger, more resilient Canada starts in our communities — and Northern communities are an essential part of this conversation."
@rebeccaleeblygh

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FCM President @rebeccaleeblygh was in Haines Junction, Yukon, for the Association of Yukon Communities AGM and Conference to meet local leaders across the territory. FCM is a strong partner for Northern communities, and we will continue to ensure Northern voices are heard on a national level.



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