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Deadline this week: Submit your nomination for FCM's Board of Directors

Interested in making a difference in your municipality and others across Canada? Consider submitting your nomination to join FCM's Board of Directors! The deadline is approaching—please head over to our website to submit all your documents before May 18.

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**



Coming soon: A vision for the future of rural Canada

A new report on the future of rural Canada will be released at FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show during the rural plenary on May 31.

Rural communities are at the heart of Canada's prosperity, and this report will highlight their vitality, resilience and essential role in the country's economic development. Canada depends on the farmers who grow our food, the industries that bring our natural resources to market and countless businesses headquartered in small communities in sectors from manufacturing to tourism. While rural municipalities build the infrastructure enabling these many pieces to move, they need a strong federal partner to thrive.

This report offers an in-depth look at the future of rural municipalities, while proposing concrete solutions to address their unique challenges and advance their priorities.

» [REGISTER FOR AC2025](#)

Make the most of your stay in Ottawa

AC2025 is just around the corner! Take advantage of your visit to tour the nation's capital. Take the time to watch the **official invitation** from Ottawa Mayor Mark Sutcliffe and visit **Ottawa Tourism's website** for a detailed guide to the city's best entertainment, restaurants and attractions.

As the country's capital and decision-making hub, it offers a unique opportunity to engage in dialogue with elected officials and make the voice of your municipality heard. We encourage you to check out our carefully crafted **study tours** and **companion tours**, as well as an exciting list of **local gems by Ottawa Tourism**. Don't forget to use their **Flash your Badge** program!

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Explore practical solutions to municipal challenges at GMF Zone

Your municipality faces evolving challenges, including Reconciliation, climate adaptation and delivering for residents while remaining on budget. On May 30, join us at the GMF Zone for three expert-led sessions—*Building relationships with Indigenous communities*, *Introduction to municipal climate Budgeting* and *Developing a roadmap to strengthen adaptation initiatives*—to help you navigate these complex challenges. Whether you're looking to build stronger partnerships or integrate climate action into your planning, the GMF Zone is where you'll find guidance, tools and peers ready to help.

» [PLAN YOUR SESSIONS](#)

Join us for the Collective Luncheon

There are still a few seats available for the Collective Luncheon, *The Future of Infrastructure Delivery: Solutions for Canada's Municipalities*. Presented by the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies, this event provides an excellent chance to connect with industry leaders shaping Canada's infrastructure development.

Description: The way that infrastructure is planned, designed and constructed is rapidly evolving. Listen to experts discuss how municipalities are under pressure to deliver essential services efficiently, affordably and sustainably. This session will examine emerging delivery models, the opportunities and challenges posed by artificial intelligence and digital technologies, lifecycle performance requirements and managing risks to maximize value.

Date: May 29

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Location: Trillium Ballroom, Rogers Centre Ottawa

Registration Fee: \$63 (Contact register@fcm.ca to add to your registration)

NEWS

GMF Council is seeking an elected municipal official from Ontario

FCM is looking for an elected municipal official from Ontario to join the GMF Council. The ideal candidate will be a recognized environmental champion within their municipality or region, a visionary leader with expertise in organizational governance, and a deep understanding of Ontario's political, social and cultural landscape.

The candidate will bring strong decision-making and management skills, in addition to a passion for sustainability, to guide projects in energy, water, land-use, transportation, circular economy and integrated community planning. This is a unique opportunity to empower local governments to deliver tangible results and build stronger, more sustainable communities across Canada.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» [What should be the priorities of the new Carney government? | CPAC](#)
FCM's CEO, Carole Saab, and the President and CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Candace Laing, discussed what the newly elected federal government should prioritize.

» [Following Carney's win, FCM looks to strengthen partnerships | Municipal World](#)

FCM's President, Rebecca Bligh, looks to strengthen partnerships with all orders of government following the federal election. President Bligh also emphasizes the necessity of a National Prosperity Partnership.

» **Interview with Valérie Plante | "My most important legacy is the environment" | La Presse**

With a few months left to her term in office, Montreal Mayor Valérie Plante thinks her most important legacy will be actions regarding the environment. She hopes that her successor will continue to make the fight against climate change a priority.

» **Barrett urges Conception Bay South to finish fifth and final green milestone | The Shoreline News**

One local elected official of the Town of Conception Bay South, NL, calls on the municipality to be the first in the province to reach the top milestone in FCM's effort to address climate change.

RESOURCES

How GMF is helping Quebec cut energy costs in community buildings

Quebec municipalities of all sizes are using GMF funding to transform aging community buildings into more comfortable, cost-efficient and climate-resilient spaces. As first points of contact for GMF's Community Buildings Retrofit initiative in Quebec, our colleagues Pascale Thériault and Athia Kabanguka share emerging trends—such as which buildings are being prioritized, how projects get started with limited resources, and which retrofits are delivering results. Explore expert advice, tips from Karine Lehoux, Director, Department of Ecological Transition and Innovation, City of Candiac, and local success stories.

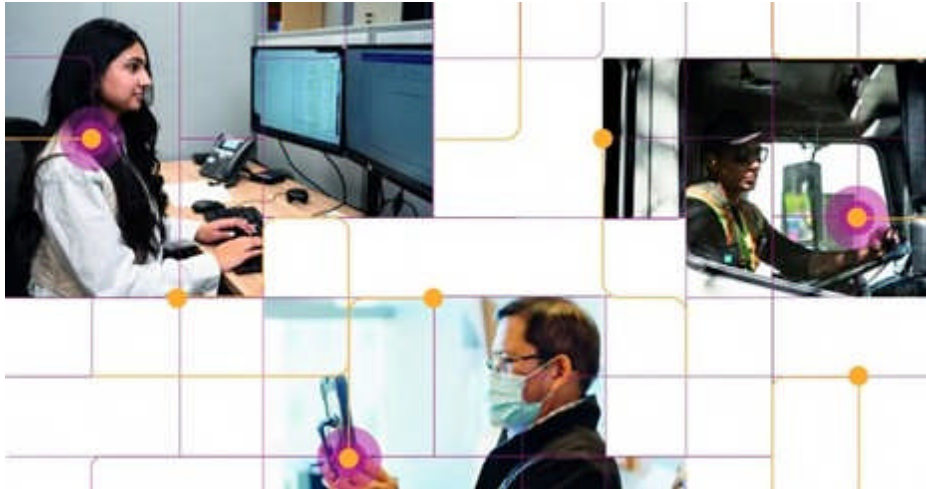
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Sharing heat to lower energy costs across three facilities

With a pool, an ice rink and a community centre under one roof, the cost to heat and operate the Abbotsford Recreation Centre must be substantial. By connecting the heating across these facilities, the city will boost energy efficiency, lower operational costs, reduce GHG emissions and enhance comfort for users. At the same time, the City is also making the space more accessible by installing wheelchair pool lifts. Discover how this exciting retrofit is projected to save \$75,000 annually in operational costs.

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CUPE invites municipal leaders to an AI Town Hall

Artificial Intelligence can bring efficiencies to municipal governance, but there are serious implications and safeguards to consider before rolling out any municipal AI function. CUPE has assembled a panel of experts in municipal affairs, law, and labour to examine the use of AI in the municipal context. This event will help officials maximize the positives of AI while protecting their residents and growing their staff.

Join CUPE for the AI Town Hall at the FCM conference on Saturday, May 31, 3-4pm. Don't forget to visit CUPE's booth at the FCM Trade Show, May 29-31.

Visit CUPE's [Artificial Intelligence resources](#) to learn more about AI and its impact on work.

WSP: Solutions for municipalities

Our team is dedicated to providing municipalities with solutions to today's most complex challenges: housing, asset management, climate resilience and access to clean water. Our engineers, scientists and advisors possess the industry expertise, tools, and digital assets needed to create the best long-term solutions.

No matter what the challenge is, we're here to help you solve it.
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May 6: On behalf of local leaders across the country, FCM extends our congratulations to [@DonDavies](#), new interim leader of the [@NDP](#). We look forward to working together to advance municipal priorities and build a stronger, more resilient Canada for everyone. [#cdnpoli](#) [#CDNMuni](#)

May 7: Congratulations to [@AndrewScheer](#) on being chosen as interim Opposition leader. FCM and our members look forward to working with you, [@PierrePoilievre](#) and the whole [@CPC_HQ](#) to advance Canadians' priorities in the House of Commons. [#cdnpoli](#) [#CDNMuni](#)

May 7: "To address long-overdue challenges facing municipalities, FCM is advocating for a structural discussion on how Canada facilitates economic growth. [@reccaleeblich](#) emphasizes the necessity of a modern National Prosperity Partnership."

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This partnership would be foundational to ensuring true national and long-term prosperity through local economic strength. By working together, we can build a stronger, more resilient Canada. [#CDNMuni](#) [#cdnpoli](#)



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