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Annual Conference and Trade Show

May 29 to June 1, 2025
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Discover the flagship events of FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show

The plenary sessions of the 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show will highlight the country's most pressing municipal issues as well as future solutions for local governments. The program includes in-depth discussions, bold ideas and inspiring initiatives to build stronger communities from coast to coast to coast. Check out the [program](#) to learn more about panels, speakers, workshops and more.

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NEWS

Meet your 2025 Table Officer candidates

AC2025 is just around the corner and that means members will be electing their Board of Directors. You can find out more about newly-announced **Table Officer candidates** on our website. Acclaimed candidates will be announced and elections will take place at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on June 1 in Ottawa.

FCM's municipal members who register to attend the conference are *automatically* registered to vote in our elections and AGM—so don't forget to register today!

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Funding to tap into the power of trees

Apply for up to \$10 million to plant new trees in your community. New trees are essential to improving quality of life for all, as they bring various benefits like lower energy bills, improved health and increased resilience to floods and extreme heat. Our tree planting funding supports projects in communities of all sizes.

To ensure your community receives the most value from its planting project, you can access free one-on-one support from urban forest coaches at key stages of your project, from planning to implementation.

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EVENTS

Workshop for Tree planting funding applicants

Join us on June 18 at 1 p.m. (ET) for a free, interactive online workshop designed to help you prepare a complete and high-quality application for up to \$10 million in **Tree planting funding**. By the end of the session, you will be able to:

- Identify the required information for your application.
- Understand the right level of detail for each section.
- Confidently complete your project workbook and avoid common mistakes.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **FCM President talks about the new federal cabinet and issues important to municipalities on Hanomansing Tonight | CBC News [21:43-28:03]**

On CBC News, FCM's President, Rebecca Bligh, discussed the new federal government's cabinet, how it affects municipalities, housing concerns, and the need for a modern National Prosperity Partnership between all orders of government.

» **Carole Saab on municipalities and today's most complex challenges | Futureproofing Canada | IRPP**

During a discussion with the Institute for Research on Public Policy, Carole Saab, FCM's CEO, addressed the limitations of Canada's property tax-based system, the most pressing issues facing Canadian municipalities, and the need for a fiscal reform to drive national prosperity and long-term economic growth.

» **FCM's President, Rebecca Bligh, discusses the appointment of former Vancouver Mayor as Housing and Infrastructure Minister | BC Today [3:33-9:36]**

Rebecca Bligh, City of Vancouver Councillor and FCM's President, discussed the appointment of the former Mayor of Vancouver, Gregor Robertson, as the federal Minister of Housing and Infrastructure and what this means for Canadian municipalities.

» **Outdated infrastructure | Water flows from the real estate boom | La Presse**

Mayors across the province of Quebec and the Union des municipalités du Québec are concerned about the current state of water infrastructure, which is preventing municipalities from building enough housing.

RESOURCES

Funded learning offer for safe and active school routes

GMF has launched the **Safe and Active School Routes initiative**—a limited-time funding and learning opportunity to help communities create safer school streets. Communities can apply for up to \$125,000, covering 50–80% of eligible costs, plus access to a national peer learning cohort for expert support.

Funding supports quick-build safety features, upgraded sidewalks, bike lanes and more. Let's make walking, biking and rolling to school safer across Canada. Register for our webinar on Thursday, May 29 at 11 a.m. (ET) for French or 2 p.m. (ET) for English to learn more about the offer.

» **LEARN MORE**

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.

CORPORATE PARTNER



Together, we can build a climate-resilient Canada

Private capital has a role to play in financing urgently needed climate adaptation infrastructure in Canada. That's why Co-operators launched the Resilience Acceleration Lab, an initiative led by a dedicated, multi-disciplinary team, inspired by a whole of society approach.

If you have a need to build climate resilience in your community, let's talk.

Find us in the Co-operators lounge at the FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show 2025.

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LOCAL DATA

Data Literacy for the Public Sector

Following a successful first run, free registration for Statistics Canada's Data Literacy for the Public Sector course hosted on Apolitical has been extended until March 31, 2026.

This course is one of many valuable tools we offer to support skill-building in today's data-driven world. Ideal for data beginners or anyone looking to improve their data literacy, this self-paced foundational course covers everything from statistical bias to storytelling. We encourage colleagues in all orders of government to participate. You can sign up with the code **DATALIT2024**.

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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:



May 14: Every day, municipalities deliver on housing, public safety, climate resilience, infrastructure and more—yet they still operate under a fiscal framework built for a different century.

FCM CEO [@CaroleSaab](#) joins [@IRPP's @jenditchburn](#) to discuss why a true National Prosperity Partnership across orders of government is necessary to meet today's complex challenges.

LISTEN NOW!

May 14: Yesterday, Prime Minister [@MarkJCarney](#) unveiled the new federal Cabinet.

FCM is eager and ready to engage with these Ministers and Secretaries of State as strategic partners in Canada's national prosperity to advance the interests of rural, northern, remote and urban communities across the country.

This is a pivotal moment for Canada. Together, we can meet 21st-century challenges and ensure the quality of life all Canadians expect and deserve.
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WATCH THE VIDEO

May 15: Congratulations to Mascouche Mayor Guillaume Tremblay, new president of [@UMQuebec](#). FCM looks forward to continued collaboration with UMQ to deliver for a stronger, more resilient future for municipalities in Quebec and across the country. [#CDNMuni](#)



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