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AC2025 starts this week!

FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show (AC2025) will officially be here in just a few days! Make sure you check your e-mails this week for everything you need to know before you go, including app login information, information on voting credentials (for voting delegates only), study tour schedules, special sessions and networking events, in addition to things to do in Ottawa and so much more.

We also encourage you to download our conference app, *FCM 2025 (powered by Co-operators)*, which is available on the [Google Play Store](#) and the [App Store](#). In our commitment to sustainability, we are no longer offering a printed at-a-glance program for 2025. All details, the schedule and real-time updates will be available exclusively on our app. There, you will find all the need-to-know information for the event, including the full program and session descriptions, interactive maps exhibitors' list and networking tool.

See you at the Rogers Centre Ottawa from May 29-June 1 - safe travels!

AC2025 Updates

[Announcing FCM's Board of Director candidates](#)

These municipal leaders are running to represent you and ensure your priorities are nationally reflected. Before you vote, head over to our website and get to know your candidates.

Voting will take place on June 1 at AC2025 in Ottawa. As a reminder, you must be an elected official of an FCM member municipality and a registered delegate to vote.

» **MEET THE CANDIDATES**

The Future of Rural Canada: A new report to be released Saturday

A new report on the future of rural Canada will be released at FCM's 2025 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.

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. Stay tuned!

There are still hotels rooms left for AC2025!

Will you be attending FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show? Make sure to book your accommodations now.

There are only a few rooms at the Ottawa Marriott Hotel, so act fast! Please note that all reservations must be made under a unique name. Multiple rooms reserved under one name will not be permitted.

AC2025 is only days away, so book now!

» **BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM**

Prepare your municipality for a sustainable future at GMF Zone

Is your municipality ready to act on climate resilience, sustainable housing and community development? On Saturday, May 31 at the GMF Zone during AC2025, our experts will conduct three expert-led sessions on investing in your community's future with support from the Green Municipal Fund, navigating energy-efficient affordable housing projects and using an online resource to identify climate resilience projects for your municipality.

These sessions will offer practical ideas to navigate through complex challenges and make your community more sustainable and resilient in the future.

» **CHECK OUT THE SCHEDULE**

EVENTS

Webinar: Safe and active school routes accelerate offer

Join our webinar on Thursday, May 29 at 11 a.m. (ET) for French or 2 p.m. (ET) for English to explore GMF's *Safe and Active School Routes Accelerate Offer*. Discover how it pairs up to \$125,000 in funding with a national peer learning cohort to support municipalities in designing school zones with children's safety at the core through features like sidewalks, bike lanes, and community capacity building.

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Workshop: How to complete a tree planting funding application

Trees are key to building climate-resilient, healthy and livable communities. Whether you're beginning your urban tree planting journey or refining your funding application, our upcoming workshop on June 18 offers presentations, document walkthroughs and opportunities for your questions.

By attending this workshop, you will:

- Learn how to complete a high-quality funding application.
- Hear about types of tree planting projects and their specific requirements.
- Boost your confidence in completing the required documents.

» [REGISTER TODAY](#)

RESOURCES

Access up to \$10 million in funding to plant new trees

Our tree planting funding supports ambitious and equitable planting projects. With expert advice from urban forest coaches, your community can access tailored support services and knowledge that will enhance planting projects, ensure tree survivability and improve climate change risk management capacity. Planting new trees can make your community more resilient to flooding, erosion, heat and other climate risks.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» [FCM's President Rebecca Bligh on new cabinet and housing crisis | CTV Morning Live](#)

FCM's President and City of Vancouver Councillor, Rebecca Bligh, sat with *CTV Morning Live* to discuss the federal government's new cabinet, British Columbia

members, including the appointment of former Mayor of Vancouver Gregor Robertson, and FCM's priorities going forward.

» **Toronto mayor calls for financial support fighting rising costs in letter to Carney | CBC News**

City of Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow has sent a letter to Prime Minister Mark Carney asking for additional support from the federal government to address the most pressing issues, including a new, more equitable funding model, as FCM advocates for.

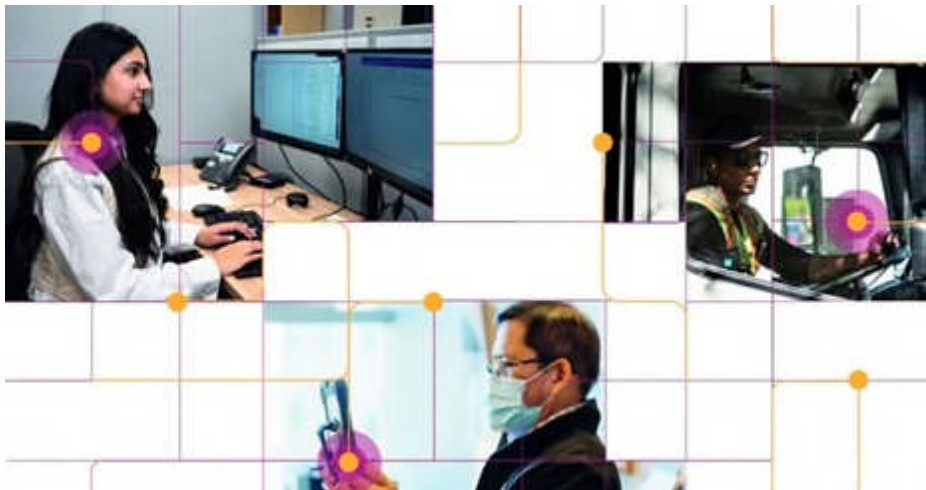
» **Saskatoon Mayor plots new path forward | CTV News**

In her first State of the City address, the Mayor of Saskatoon, Cynthia Block, called for a new fiscal framework for municipalities to keep up with the growing number of issues. Mayor Block said it's well within the federal government's rights to make those changes, and partners at FCM will continue to advocate for them.

» **The future of federal-municipal relations | Radio-Canada British Columbia [French only]**

Municipalities welcome the appointment of former City of Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson as the federal Minister of Housing and Infrastructure. FCM President Rebecca Bligh says the organization calls for discussions between all orders of government on modernizing the fiscal framework for municipalities.

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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 Annual 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.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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May 22: Congratulations to the new [@CPC_HQ](#) Shadow Cabinet on your positions. We appreciate the critical role you play in promoting a strong democracy by holding the government to account. FCM looks forward to working with you, [@PierrePoilievre](#) and [@AndrewScheer](#) to advance local and national priorities affecting Canadians across the country—from housing and affordability to infrastructure and public safety. [#CDNMuni](#) [#cdnpoli](#)

May 22: Join us in Ottawa at FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show to influence and guide new national municipal priorities, to elect a new Board and to begin work with government partners on building national prosperity—together.

Register now:
<http://fcm.ca/ac>
[#FCM2025AC](#)

May 25: Rural Canada is made up of diverse cultures, beautiful landscapes, rich natural resources and enormous untapped economic potential. These communities offer unique opportunities for new industries, growth and environmental stewardship. Stay tuned as FCM prepares to unveil its vision for The Future of Rural Canada.



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