

Karine Keys

From: FCM Communique <communique@fcm.ca>
Sent: June 9, 2025 3:34 PM
To: Karine Keys
Subject: FCM Voice: Standing ready to build in face of U.S. tariffs | FCM resolutions | and more

[View email in browser](#)



June 9, 2025



FCM VOICE
Canada's voice of local government



Standing ready to build in face of U.S. tariffs

Last week, FCM's CEO Carole Saab joined Canadian Labour Congress President Bea Bruske and Canadian Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Candace Laing in response to the doubling of tariffs imposed by the U.S. administration on steel and aluminum.

Municipalities on both sides of the border are on the frontlines of this trade war. These tariffs are already impacting communities across Canada, especially in Quebec and Ontario.

FCM stands united with the other orders of government, industry and workers against these harmful tariffs. Now more than ever, it's critical that we build communities that are strong, safe and economically competitive. A National Prosperity Partnership can match this ambition and boost local delivery capacity.

» [WATCH THE PRESS CONFERENCE](#)

NEWS

Resolutions adopted at AC2025

At FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show, FCM members adopted several significant resolutions, demonstrating their commitment to addressing issues faced by communities across Canada:

- Improving Access to Health Care in Rural Canada
- Strengthening Canada's Economy by Diversifying Trade
- Future of Canada Post
- Strengthening Arctic Sovereignty and Security through Municipalities

These resolutions were the result of debates by dedicated voting delegates.

For more information about these resolutions and previous editions, please visit our website and database.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

Last chance to apply: FCM's Green Municipal Fund Council is seeking an Ontario elected official

FCM is seeking one elected municipal official from Ontario to join the Green Municipal Fund Council.

This is a unique opportunity for an environmental champion passionate about sustainability and building resilient communities. Bring your management skills, experience in organizational governance, and deep understanding of Ontario's political, economic, social, and cultural landscape to help guide the strategic investment of a \$2.4 billion fund in transformative, high-impact municipal initiatives across Canada.

Applications are open until June 13. Don't miss your chance to help shape Canada's sustainable future.

» [APPLY NOW](#)

Help shape practical, trusted tools to support municipal communications

Municipal leaders are on the frontlines of climate action, but limited resources and rising misinformation make it harder to connect with your community. FCM's Green Municipal Fund wants to hear from municipal staff and elected officials across Canada about the real communication challenges you face. Your input will help shape practical tools to support clear, trusted communications at the local level. The survey is anonymous and takes just 10 minutes.

» [TAKE THE SURVEY TODAY](#)

PMI-WILL partners meet with Global Affairs Canada to share progress on inclusive governance

During their visit to Canada for FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show, a delegation of women elected officials from Benin, Cambodia, Ghana, and Zambia met with representatives of Global Affairs Canada to share the progress made in their countries toward more inclusive local governance. They gave examples of the positive impact of the Partnership for Municipal Innovation—Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL) projecting their communities—from stronger leadership networks to increased representation and better services for citizens.

This meaningful exchange is a powerful reminder that peer-to-peer collaboration can achieve stronger institutions, greater inclusion, and more resilient local democracy.

» [LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT](#)

FCM International Awards recognize Canadian partners advancing inclusive local leadership

During FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show, we honoured several outstanding contributors to the PMI-WILL project as part of our International Awards ceremony.

- Councillor Trish Mandewo (City of Coquitlam, BC) received the Pam McConnell Award for her gender equality leadership, particularly in supporting women elected officials in Zambia and Cambodia.
- Edwina Renaux (Town of Truro, NS) was awarded the Mike Badham Award for her steadfast support of municipal partnerships and peer exchanges with Cambodia.
- The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) earned the Outstanding Institutional Contribution Award, recognizing their innovative efforts to support gender equity in climate and governance policies.

These awards highlight the excellence and leadership of a few—but the progress of PMI-WILL reflects the collective work of a strong and dedicated network of Canadian and international partners. Together, they are helping transform local governance to be more inclusive, equitable, and responsive to communities' needs.

Tunisian delegation strengthens ties with Canadian partners on climate action

During their recent visit to Canada, the Tunisian delegation from the Centre for Innovative Local Governance (CILG), FCM's partner on the Inclusive Climate Adaptation in Tunisian Municipalities (ICATM) project, engaged in meaningful exchanges with Global Affairs Canada and Environment and Climate Change Canada. The meetings highlighted Canada's support for inclusive and locally driven climate action, and progress made across the 9 participating Tunisian municipalities.

The delegation also attended the FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show, and expressed how inspired they were by the Canadian experience in local governance and the role of municipalities in driving climate solutions.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

FCM IN THE NEWS

» [Canada urged to spend more on rural housing, connectivity, and safety | Ottawa Sun](#)

FCM released a new report on rural communities during its Annual Conference and Trade Show, calling on the federal government to invest in closing the gaps between urban and rural Canada. "This report contains the missing key to unlock long-term prosperity, thanks to the work of dedicated municipal elected officials across the country," said FCM's Rural Forum Chair Neal Comeau.

» [Carney to discuss fast-tracking housing, infrastructure projects with premiers | The Globe and Mail](#)

Prime Minister Mark Carney and Canada's premiers discussed housing and significant infrastructure projects issues in Saskatoon, Sask., during the First Ministers' Meeting. Vancouver Councillor Rebecca Bligh, who is also FCM's President, met privately with Prime Minister Mark Carney following his speech at FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show. "What I took away from this is that nation-building projects are going to be a priority," she said in an interview with the *Globe and Mail*.

» [FCM's President addresses housing and opioid crisis amid FCM's AC | Real Talk Ryan Jespersen \[24:27- 38:53\]](#)

FCM's President, Rebecca Bligh, talked with Ryan Jespersen about FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show, the latest speech from the throne, the most pressing issues facing municipalities, and the launch of our new rural report.

» [Industry in Trouble as Tariffs Double | PrimeTime Politics | CPAC \[13:25-20:40\]](#)

On *PrimeTime Politics*, FCM CEO Carole Saab discussed the latest tariffs imposed by the U.S. administration on Canadian steel and aluminum, including its impact on municipalities. Saab also discussed Prime Minister Mark Carney's presence at FCM's recent Annual Conference and Trade Show to talk about infrastructure and the

coordinated approach needed between all orders of government for delivering big projects.

» **A modern approach is needed for urban challenges | Le Droit**

At FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show, elected officials from the Big City Mayors' Caucus called for a National Prosperity Partnership to tackle the most pressing issues, including homelessness, infrastructure maintenance, and public safety.

EVENTS

How to complete a Tree planting funding application

Trees build healthy and livable communities. If your community is planning to expand its tree canopy and apply for **tree planting funding**, our upcoming workshop offers presentations, document walkthroughs and opportunities for your questions. Join the workshop June 18 at 1 p.m. (ET) and leave with the tools and insights needed to submit a high-quality application.

» **REGISTER TODAY**

Webinar: Climate budgeting for your community

Your municipality has adopted a climate plan—now comes the hard work of putting it into action. With climate budgeting, local governments can more effectively incorporate climate commitments into their decision making on policies, actions and budget allocation.

Join us on June 19 at 2 p.m. ET for a free webinar about climate budgeting: what it is, how it works, why it matters, and what some Canadian municipalities are already doing to make it happen.

» **REGISTER TODAY**

RESOURCES

Safe and active school routes funded learning offer

GMF's *Safe and Active School Routes* initiative offers up to \$125,000 in funding (covering 50–80% of eligible costs) and includes access to a national peer learning cohort with expert advice.

Funding supports quick-build safety features, improved sidewalks, bike lanes, lighting, and more to help communities create safer, healthier routes to school.

» **LEARN MORE**

Build better roads with recycled asphalt

Canadian municipalities can build greener, more cost-effective roads by using reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP). By integrating RAP, they can cut emissions, reduce waste and lower costs while advancing circular infrastructure goals.

Our *Making New Asphalt Out of Old – It Can Be Done* factsheet shares insights from a Saint-Hippolyte, Québec, pilot project and outlines practical steps to help integrate RAP into roadwork strategies.

» **READ THE FACTSHEET**

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:



June 3: U.S. tariffs on imported steel and aluminum are already impacting communities across Canada, especially in Quebec and Ontario. Today's doubling of these tariffs to 50% will simply be devastating.

Municipalities are on the frontlines of this trade war, and FCM stands united with the other orders of government, industry and workers against harmful tariffs. We call for a return to free and fair trade across North America. [#CDNMuni](#) [#cdnpoli](#)

June 3: That's a wrap for [#FCM2025AC!](#)

Our thanks to the 2,500 participants from across the country who made the 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show a resounding success—from insightful keynote speakers to robust workshop programming and an engaging Trade Show floor.

We're leaving the conference inspired by the leadership of local governments across the country delivering on housing, infrastructure, public safety and economic resilience. Now more than ever, it's clear that a stronger partnership

June 5: "Defending Canada right now in this moment also looks like making us the most resilient country possible, and that starts at a community level."

FCM CEO [@CaroleSaab](#) joined [@MichaelSerapio](#) on [@PTP_CPAC](#) last night to discuss the real impact the latest tariffs imposed by the U.S. administration will continue to have on [#CDNMuni](#).

Watch the full interview: <https://t.co/OAWGFRmbt3>

between all orders of government is necessary for long-term prosperity and a more resilient future for Canada.

Let's continue this work, together. See you next year for [#FCM2026AC](#) in Edmonton!



24 Clarence Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1N 5P3
fcm.ca

info@fcm.ca
[Privacy Policy](#)

© 2025 Federation of Canadian Municipalities

[Unsubscribe here.](#)
24 Clarence Street | Ottawa, ON K1N 5P3 CA