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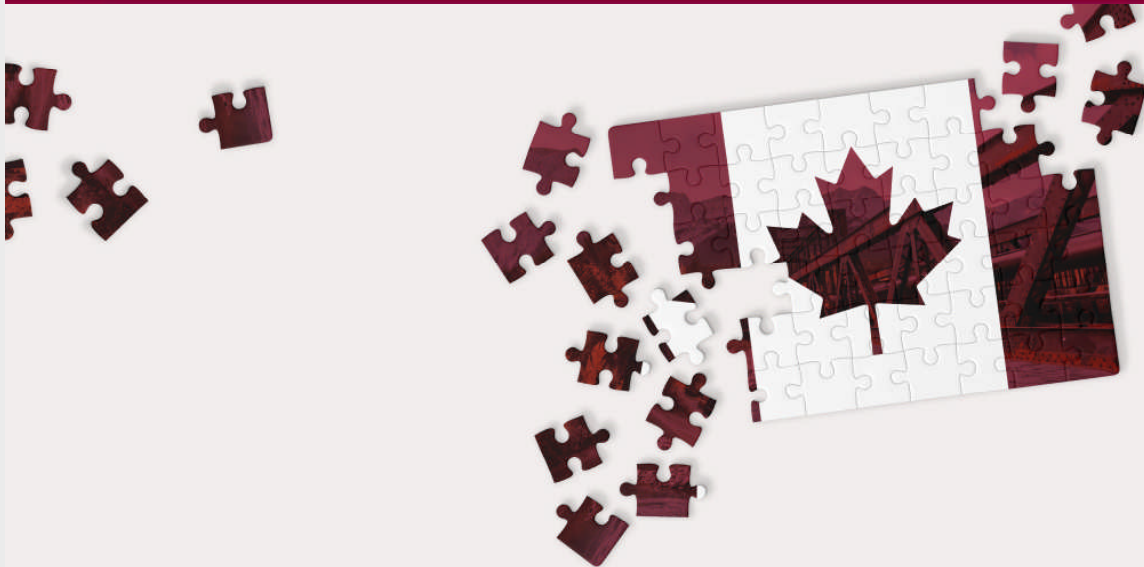
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FCM VOICE
Canada's voice of local government



Building a stronger Canada

Last week, FCM provided a written submission to the Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities on Bill C-5, an Act to enact the Free Trade and Labour Mobility in Canada Act and the Building Canada Act. The legislation has since passed in the House of Commons.

Though our submission emphasizes the importance of continued municipal engagement, Indigenous consultation and of upholding environmental standards, FCM supports Bill C-5's focus on streamlining infrastructural approvals to strengthen Canada's competitiveness. Bill C-5 aligns with our calls for the establishment of national utility corridors to promote

Canada's natural resource-based economy, increased labour mobility and reduced interprovincial trade barriers across Canada.

Local leaders know that economic growth starts in our communities. That's why this submission also notes the importance of municipalities being meaningfully engaged as essential partners in delivering lasting national prosperity in Canada.

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NEWS

Join the GMF Council

FCM is recruiting a new member to join the Green Municipal Fund Council! We're looking for a sustainability champion from the private, academic or nonprofit sectors to help advance local projects that strengthen communities' resilience and support Canada's long-term prosperity.

Ideal candidates bring expertise in economic inclusion, local economic development, risk management, compliance, human resources or organizational governance.

We are committed to fostering an organizational culture that embraces equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging. We encourage applications from individuals of all backgrounds, identities and abilities. Share this opportunity with your network and support the future of sustainable communities in Canada.

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Deadline approaching: Help shape practical tools to support municipal communications

Are you a municipal staff member or elected official looking to improve the ways you communicate local climate efforts to residents? Limited resources and rising misinformation can make it harder to connect with your community.

FCM's Green Municipal Fund wants to hear from you about the real communication challenges you face. Your input will help develop practical tools to support clear and trusted communication at the local level. The survey is anonymous and takes just 10 minutes.

» [COMPLETE THE SURVEY](#)

FCM IN THE NEWS

» [Rural Canada gets FCM attention | CKPG Today](#)

FCM's Rural Forum Chair, Neal Comeau, spoke with *CKPG Today* about the launch of FCM's new report on the future of rural Canada, which addresses the main issues affecting rural municipalities, including housing, infrastructure, community safety, and

climate adaptation. A Prince George, B.C., councillor said one of the most important things is access to broadband internet.

» **The Atlantic voices of FCM | Cross Border Network | YouTube**

Four members of the Atlantic provincial municipal associations spoke with Chris Brown from the *Cross Border Network* about FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show, as well as the issues shaping their home provinces, including public safety and the need for a National Prosperity Partnership.

» **Climate Change | Quebec announces nearly \$35 million to help municipalities adapt | La Presse**

The Quebec government has announced nearly \$35M in funding for climate change projects in seven regions of the province. A third of this amount will go to the City of Longueuil.

» **Councillors propose development cost charges for Esquimalt | Victoria Times Colonist**

Two Esquimalt, B.C., councillors are asking the township to consider bringing in a standardized development fee for new buildings. One of the elected officials states that Prime Minister Mark Carney reiterated his commitment to halve development cost charges at FCM's recent Annual Conference and Trade Show.

» **Town of Banff to cut down fire-prone trees on municipal land | Rocky Mountain News**

The Town of Banff, Alta., will start removing coniferous trees that are on municipal land that could pose a threat in the event of a wildfire. Mayor Corrie DiManno discussed this issue with elected officials from Jasper during FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show.

RESOURCES

Federal Housing Advocate: guide to a human rights-based approach to encampment responses

The Office of the Federal Housing Advocate has launched a new series of fact sheets on how to integrate human rights-based approaches into encampment responses. This guide has been developed to provide additional guidance to governments on how to put in place a human rights-based approach.

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Encourage active school travel with new GMF funding

GMF's *Safe and Active School Routes* initiative offers up to \$125,000 to support projects that make walking, biking, and rolling to school safer and more accessible.

Eligible costs are covered up to 50-80%, with added support through access to a national peer learning cohort with expert advice. Build lasting impact with quick-builds, paths, crossings and more.

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Understanding climate budgeting: A guide for Canadian communities

For local governments, it's crucial to understand what actions are needed every year to stay on track with climate targets—and how much that will cost. That's where climate budgeting comes in.

The Municipal Net-Zero Action Research Partnership has created a new guide to support Canadian municipalities as they incorporate climate commitments into decision making on policies, actions and budget allocation. The guide is designed to help municipal leaders and staff at a range of knowledge levels, as well as organizations and advocates in the community.

» [DOWNLOAD THE GUIDE](#)

Transform old spaces into circular neighbourhoods

Cities across Canada are rethinking what's possible with post-industrial land. Montréal's planners use circular design to transform underused spaces into climate-ready, community-focused neighbourhoods.

GMF's new factsheet, *Imagining Circularity on a Neighbourhood Level*, explores how life cycle analysis, green infrastructure and adaptive reuse support sustainable redevelopment at the neighbourhood level.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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June 18: Friends, allies and neighbours.

June 20: Economic growth starts in our communities.

June 21: Reconciliation is a shared responsibility. FCM

While in Tampa for [@usmayors'](#) Annual Meeting, Mayors [@drewdilkens](#) and [@DonnaReardonsj](#) joined municipal leaders at an early Canada Day celebration. The ties between Canada and the United States run deep, and close collaboration between local leaders on both sides of the border is critical to seeing us through to the other side of this trade war.

We are stronger when we work together. [#CDNMuni](#) [#cdnpoli](#)

Earlier this week, FCM provided a written submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities on [#BillC5](#).

Bill C-5 meets our call to strengthen Canada's competitiveness by supporting the establishment of national utility corridors to promote our natural resource-based economy, reducing interprovincial trade barriers and streamlining infrastructure approvals.

FCM strongly supports these objectives; however, it is critical that municipalities are meaningfully engaged as part of any streamlined infrastructure approvals process. [#CDNMuni](#) are an essential partner in delivering lasting national prosperity in Canada. [#cdnpoli](#)

is committed to building and fostering meaningful partnerships with Indigenous communities and becoming true co-builders and allies.

On this National Indigenous Peoples Day, we are pleased to share that FCM's Board of Directors has endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

This is one important step in our organization-wide commitment to Reconciliation that will help advance our work and empower our membership to pursue Reconciliation goals with greater confidence, ensuring they have the tools and support needed to implement the Declaration meaningfully. [#NIPD2025](#) [#NIHM2025](#)



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