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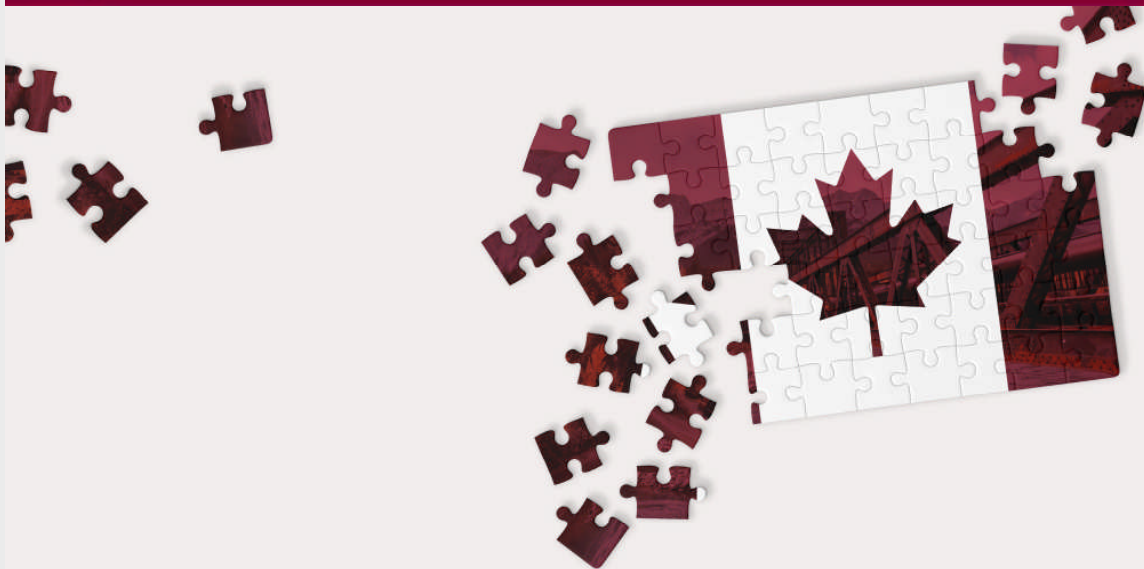
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FCM VOICE
Canada's voice of local government



Bill C-5 becomes law

Last week, Bill C-5, An Act to enact the Free Trade and Labour Mobility in Canada Act and the Building Canada Act, passed in the Senate and received royal assent to become law.

FCM supports Bill C-5's focus on streamlining infrastructural approvals to strengthen Canada's competitiveness. The bill 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.

Moving forward, it is critical that the federal government engages in meaningful and lasting partnership with municipalities in delivering lasting prosperity for Canadians, in addition to Indigenous consultation and the upholding of environmental standards.

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NEWS

Changes coming to FCM Voice

FCM brings together more than 2,000 municipalities of all sizes—representing more than 92 percent of Canadians. The diversity of our membership is essential in forming a strong and united national voice. As we continue to grow together, we are reenvisioning this weekly newsletter to better serve the regional needs of our membership. In the coming weeks, we will start tailoring FCM Voice to have a more regional flavour, sharing stories that are local to your region while maintaining a focus on national priorities. Make sure to keep an eye on this space for updates!

In the meantime, please note that *FCM Voice* will be issued on a bi-weekly basis throughout the summer months. We will return to our regular weekly schedule on September 2.

Coming soon: Portal re-registration required for enhanced security

FCM's Portal is where members can access membership invoices and information, corporate discounts and funding applications, amongst other tools and services. As part of broad updates to FCM systems, we will soon be introducing an upgraded Portal which includes enhanced security measures to protect your information. As a result, members with an existing Portal account will be required to re-register to access the updated system. You will receive an email from portalregistration@fcm.ca with more information and guidance in mid-July. For any technical issues or questions, please contact portalregistration@fcm.ca.

Deadline approaching: Join the GMF Council

The deadline to apply to the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) Council is approaching fast. FCM is looking for a passionate sustainability advocate from the private, environmental, academic or nonprofit sectors to influence strategic sustainability projects that drive meaningful change in our communities.

If you're dedicated to sustainability, governance and supporting Canadian municipalities, this is your chance. Apply to the Green Municipal Fund Council and help drive impactful, lasting environmental initiatives through GMF-funded projects.

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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Strengthening municipal leadership through decentralized cooperation

As Co-Chair of the United Cities and Local Governments-CIB Working Group, FCM took part in the 2025 Annual Meeting in Tunis to exchange knowledge with peers on the future of local government development cooperation.

The meeting explored how development cooperation actors and climate risks are influencing the work of local governments globally. FCM contributed to sessions focused on inclusive governance, gender inclusion, and climate adaptation.

Canada's Ambassador to Tunisia, Lorraine Diguier, participated in the dialogue, reinforcing the importance of collaboration and shared learning across borders.

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EVENTS

Webinar: Develop an urban forest management plan

Urban forest management plans are critical to the resilience of trees, and trees are critical to the resilience of communities. Join our webinar to learn from a panel of experts and municipal leaders as they discuss the benefits of having an urban forest management plan for your community. Find out:

- How an urban forest management plan can build climate resilience
- What makes a high-quality urban forest management plan
- How to ensure the plan is suited for your community

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Mayor tells local U.S. reps tariffs bad for everyone | Telegraph-Journal**
Saint John, N.B., Mayor Donna Reardon spoke to the Telegraph-Journal about her participation in the recent United States Conference of Mayors meeting, where the main theme was trade and tariffs. Alongside Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens, Mayor Reardon got the invitation to participate through FCM.

» **FCM pleased with positive early efforts from Carney government | Municipal World**

FCM's President Rebecca Bligh talked to Municipal World about Prime Minister Mark Carney's participation in FCM's latest Annual Conference and Trade Show, Bill C-5 and the missions to the U.S. to engage with American local elected officials during the trade war.

» **The City of Circular and Sustainable Innovation inaugurates La Serre + | The New Union and the Future of Maple**

The Cité de l'innovation circulaire et durable de Victoriaville, Que., has inaugurated its new La Serre + technology showcase, which will transform industrial wastewater into biodegradable containers for the food market. FCM's Green Municipal Fund supported the project.

» **Saint John mayor meeting with U.S. counterparts in Florida | CBC New Brunswick**

Saint John, N.B., Mayor Donna Reardon talked with CBC New Brunswick about her participation in the 93rd Annual Meeting of the United States Conference of Mayors, in Tampa, where she advocated for the end of tariffs.

» **Windsor's Dilkens talks tariffs at U.S. mayors conference in Tampa | Windsor Star**

Windsor, Ont., Mayor Drew Dilkens was at the 93rd Annual Meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Tampa, Florida, where he brought a northern perspective on the U.S. administration's tariffs alongside Saint John, N.B., Mayor Donna Reardon.

RESOURCES

New resource: Stack funding to maximize savings

Municipalities are under pressure to modernize aging community buildings—but energy retrofits aren't cheap, and most funding programs won't cover the full cost. That's why combining funding sources is key. Our new guide helps you stretch your budget further, with tips on complementary programs, prioritizing projects, and knowing when to bring in expert support.

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Turn community buildings into climate resilience hubs

Canadian summers tend to bring heatwaves, wildfires, flooding and severe thunderstorms. With the right retrofits, community buildings can provide shelter, cooling and essential services during emergencies.

Our new guide outlines retrofit measures that strengthen resilience to climate hazards. It also demonstrates how to integrate emergency preparedness, energy efficiency and equity into the planning process.

» **READ THE GUIDE**

SOCIAL MEDIA

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June 24: Bonne Fête de la Saint-Jean!

Today, we celebrate the rich culture and contributions of Quebecers and Franco-Canadians. Wishing a joyful Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day to all members of French-speaking and bilingual communities across the country. And to Quebecers: Happy National Holiday!

[#stjeanbaptiste](#)

June 24: Active and meaningful partnerships between FCM and our American counterparts are key to fostering strong local leadership.

Thanks to [@usmayors](#) for having us at their Annual Meeting in Tampa last week and to [@CanCGMiami](#) for the warm welcome.

Let's continue working together to ensure resilient local economies—on both sides of the border.

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June 26: From housing and public safety to infrastructure and economic resilience, municipalities are on the front lines of today's most pressing challenges.

FCM President [@rebeccaleeblich](#) spoke with the provincial and territorial ministers responsible for local government in Saint John, NB, this morning about the shared work ahead to meet the moment we face as a nation.

Municipalities are essential to Canada's success. With a true partnership between all orders of government, we can build a stronger and more resilient future for all Canadians.

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