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Climate planning support for the North and Prairie communities

Communities across the Prairies are adapting to a changing climate—whether its extreme heat, drought or flooding. Meanwhile, across the North, communities are navigating unique climate challenges like permafrost thaw and infrastructure strain. But knowing how to take the first steps towards adaptation isn't always clear. Climate-Ready Plans and Processes funding supports the critical planning work to take communities from risk to actionable planning that builds confidence and direction.

With up to \$140,000 available Climate-Ready Plans and Processes funding can help you start where it matters most—with a solid plan. This is a strategic, cost-effective way to guide local decision-making, prepare for future funding opportunities and build long-term climate readiness into your community's priorities.

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NEWS

Apply to become a non-board member for FCM's standing committees and forums

Non-board members are invited to apply for one of up to fourteen positions to serve on select policy committees and forums that contribute to the work of the FCM Board. FCM's President makes committee appointments based on applicants' experience, expertise and interests, as well as the need for regional, community size and demographic representation on each committee.

New as of this year: pursuant to the *Non-Board Committee Member Appointment Policy* passed in May 2025, all appointments will take into consideration diversity factors that will contribute to ensuring Board committees are representative of Canada. The application deadline is August 25.

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Homelessness Reduction Innovation Fund

The Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness is now accepting Expressions of Interest for the Homelessness Reduction Innovation Fund, which provides one-time grants for innovative projects aimed at achieving measurable reductions in homelessness in communities. Find out more about the process to apply and learn about the latest solutions emerging from the program as it rolls out.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **FCM brings friendly tone to intense Canada-U.S. discussions - Municipal World**

FCM's Forum Rural Chair, Neal Comeau, and FCM's Ontario Caucus Vice-Chair, Alysson Storey, participated in the latest Annual Conference of the National Association of Counties in Philadelphia to build relationships with American counterparts amid the trade war.

» **Feds dropped internal trade barriers, but provincial deals risk 'solving a patchwork with another patchwork' - The Hill Times**

Ontario is leading the pack, having signed 10 inter-provincial trade deals. One internal trade expert says the feds should have played a bigger role in harmonizing internal trade between the provinces.

» **Canadian Armed Forces hit the ground running in Saskatchewan to fight wildfires | CBC News**

About 300 Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members, who arrived in Saskatchewan this weekend, are helping the province fight devastating wildfires in the north.

» **'Great wall' built to prevent Tuktoyaktuk, N.W.T., from falling into the ocean | CBC.ca**

It took approximately 200,000 tonnes of rock and \$50 million, but the 'Great Wall of Tuktoyaktuk' is complete. The wall will protect the Northwest Territories hamlet from further coastal erosion and possibly falling into the Arctic Ocean.

EVENTS

Workshop: How to create an urban forest management plan

Urban forests improve the health of your community. A management plan is key to ensuring your urban forests thrive and continue to provide benefits. Join our workshop on August 21 to learn how to build a high-quality urban forest management plan. This hands-on session will help you understand core urban forest management plan design principles and develop a plan that meets your community's needs.

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RESOURCES

Digital Connectivity: A Pillar of Rural Canada's Future

Digital connectivity is essential to our daily lives and to Canada's economic growth. Whether it's accessing healthcare, working remotely, or growing a business, reliable broadband internet and mobile connectivity are indispensable. Yet, a divide persists between rural and urban regions.

Our report, *The future of rural Canada*, underscores the importance of updating Canada's Connectivity Strategy, enhancing the Universal Broadband Fund and achieving cellular connectivity. These actions are critical to supporting economic development, improving quality of life and helping rural communities thrive.

Reliable digital connectivity helps retain talent, attract youth and enables communities to adapt to new technologies. Ensuring every Canadian has reliable internet access contributes to building a stronger, more resilient Canada.

» **READ THE REPORT**

Understanding climate budgeting: A guide for Canadian communities

Once your municipality adopts a climate plan, the hard work of putting it into action begins. 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.

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Strengthen your community’s ecosystem by planting new trees

From restoring wildlife habitats to providing food sources for mammals, birds and insects, trees support local biodiversity—which in turn helps your community become more resilient to environmental stressors. You can enhance your community’s ecosystem by applying for up to \$10M in funding for new tree planting projects. Learn more about the benefits of trees and the funding and support available.

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Reimagining community buildings as resilience hubs

After Hurricane Fiona, a recreation centre in Pictou County, Nova Scotia, became a vital community lifeline—sheltering power crews and supporting local residents. Now, with energy and accessibility upgrades, it's evolving into a community-ready resilience hub to boost emergency preparedness and reduce local vulnerability.

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Canada, Naturally—Celebrate Community Culture

Cultural tourism is a powerful force, strengthening local economies and fostering social connections while celebrating Canadian heritage. By showcasing unique traditions and stories, communities thrive. Explore Destination Canada’s toolkits for actionable strategies and support. Let’s collaborate—reach out to help build a vibrant, community-based tourism plan that highlights the richness of Canada’s culture and benefits residents and visitors.

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July 15: Now that the Calgary #Stampede2025 has come to a close, we're already looking ahead to our next major event in Western Canada.

We're looking forward to building on that momentum as Edmonton prepares to host FCM's 2026 Annual Conference and Trade Show.

We caught up with Edmonton Mayor @AmarjeetSohiYEG #FCM2026AC #CDNMuni #cdnpoli

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July 17: Last week, FCM's Rural Forum Chair Neal Comeau and Board member @Alysson4CK joined rural leaders at @NACoTweets's Annual Conference in Philadelphia to continue strengthening Canada-U.S. ties. From infrastructure to climate resilience, rural communities from both sides of the border share common ground. As we engaged with county leaders across the U.S., one thing was clear: we're not facing these challenges alone. #CDNMuni #cdnpoli #NACoAnn

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July 23: A stronger Canadian economy begins with robust, empowered rural communities.

With modern infrastructure, reliable connectivity and updated fiscal tools, rural communities are ready to drive growth in key sectors and expand Canada's global trade.

More on FCM's advocacy for a stronger rural Canada: <https://t.co/FXeSe6rV64>



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