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### **New federal measures to support strategic industries**

On Friday, Prime Minister Mark Carney unveiled new measures to protect and strengthen Canada's strategic industries. This announcement responds to U.S. tariffs and the trade challenges we face and will support impacted sectors like agriculture, especially Canola farmers and farming communities.

A new federal Buy Canadian policy was announced in this suite of measures. FCM supports this as an effective strategic response to the moment, and we will work with the federal government to ensure success implementation for municipalities of all sizes.

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**NEWS**

## PREVIEW: AC2025 Digital Magazine

FCM members can now get an exclusive look at the 2025 Annual Conference digital magazine! This magazine, developed in partnership with Municipal World as the publisher, highlights the key moments from the Annual Conference and Trade Show, held from May 29th to June 1st in Ottawa, under the theme *Stronger Together: Local Strength, National Prosperity*. Step back into the moment and revisit the discussions that shaped this year's conference and the key insights that emerged from it.

This bilingual magazine captures the essence of Canada's largest pan-Canadian gathering of elected officials. It showcases the innovative ideas and solutions that were shared, while also highlighting the initiatives of Canadian municipalities to improve the quality of life for their residents.

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## FCM's GMF Council is recruiting an elected official from BC

FCM is seeking an elected municipal official from BC to join the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) Council. We're looking for a recognized environmental leader with knowledge of municipal sustainability and environmental priorities across GMF sectors.

As a Council member, you'll help guide strategic investments in innovative municipal initiatives that strengthen communities and build a more sustainable, prosperous Canada. We value equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging, and encourage applications from individuals of all backgrounds, identities and abilities. Applications are open until September 29.

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## EVENTS

### Next week: Explore safe and sustainable railway operations

Our first Collective webinar of the year is fast approaching! In partnership with CN, this upcoming webinar on September 16 will help community leaders to better understand the strategies and technologies used to ensure safe and sustainable railway operations. Wildfire threats are a growing reality as unprecedented hot, dry conditions persist across Canada. Participants will learn more about CN's Fire and Suppression fleet, a custom-designed in-house fleet of five trains that can deploy firefighting resources to remote and inaccessible areas.

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## FCM IN THE NEWS

### » **Regina to review encampment strategy, potential locations for designated sites | CBC News**

The City of Regina, Saskatchewan, will review its homeless encampment response strategy. The council has directed the city's staff to review the current plan by analyzing the best practices of other Canadian municipalities. A point-in-time count conducted in October 2024 revealed that 824 people in Regina were experiencing homelessness.

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### » **Prominent rural Saskatchewan leader dies | The Western Producer**

One of the founding members of FCM's Rural Forum, Sinclair Harrison, has passed away. He was also the former president of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities and a member of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame.

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### » **Trans Mountain board chair to lead new federal Major Projects Office based in Calgary | CBC News**

Dawn Farrell, former chair of the Trans Mountain Corporation's board of directors, has been named the CEO of the federal government's new Major Projects Office. The office, which will be headquartered in Calgary, will help streamline approvals for major nationwide projects.

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### » **Toronto condo market in "free fall," says minister Robertson | Toronto Star**

Canada's Housing and Infrastructure Minister, Gregor Robertson, says that there are too many condos being built in the cities of Toronto and Vancouver. Robertson says the federal government instead needs to focus on non-market housing, which includes subsidized housing and co-ops, also stating that repealing the foreign buyer ban is not on his "immediate radar."

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### » **Most of Canada's counter-tariffs on the U.S. have now ended - National | Globalnews.ca**

Canada's retaliatory tariffs against the U.S. on goods that comply with the Canada-U.S.-Mexico trade agreement came down on September 1. However, Canada's counter-tariffs on U.S. auto, steel and aluminum remain in place.

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## RESOURCES

### **Building climate resilience in rural Canada**

Floods, rising temperatures and increasingly extreme and frequent weather events have a direct impact on the well-being of rural communities in Canada, who face growing challenges in both mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change.

Our report, *The future of rural Canada*, highlights the need for federal support to strengthen local climate adaptation and mitigation efforts. This includes investing in climate-resilient infrastructure, expanding nature-based climate solutions, improving regionally specific climate data and forecasting and fully implementing a revised Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements program. The federal government must also invest in capacity building and staffing resources to help rural communities advance local climate action and protect communities against the challenges of climate change.

» [READ THE REPORT](#)

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### **Understanding energy efficiency**

Improving energy efficiency benefits both municipal housing providers and their residents. Projects funded by GMF's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative have reduced operational costs by 46% and lowered utility bills by up to \$200 a month, all while extending the lifespan of housing by decades.

Our *Housing Providers' Toolkit* offers a comprehensive look at measures your municipality can take to boost energy efficiency. Whether you're a novice to energy efficiency or seeking more advanced energy-saving measures, this guide provides practical, actionable steps that save money, improve the wellbeing of residents and strengthen the resilience of your buildings.

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### **Power your community with affordable, reliable energy**

Community energy systems—like district heating or renewable grids powered by solar, wind or geothermal—help municipalities save money, create jobs and deliver stable, predictable energy costs for residents. Power up with GMF funding: claim up to \$100K for a business case, up to \$200K to design a system or up to \$10M to build a system.

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### **Community partnerships for equitable local climate action**

When it comes to advancing climate action in Canadian municipalities, community partnerships play a pivotal role. Research shows that local governments that use a partnership approach show greater progress toward achieving their climate targets.

The Municipal Net-Zero Action Research Partnership has created a new guide with evidence-based recommendations on building strong community partnerships. With data collected from 55 partners across Canada, this guide is designed to help your local government work collaboratively and effectively with the community to achieve climate targets and equity goals.

» [DOWNLOAD THE GUIDE](#)

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### **Strengthen the climate resilience of your tree planting project**

Planting the right trees in the right spaces enhances community resilience to climate change. Read our tip sheet, *Maximizing the climate resilience benefits of tree planting projects*, to discover ways to enhance your tree planting project with data about the climate risks impacting your community. You will also learn how to explain how your planting plans are aligned with your community's adaptation goals.

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**Sept 4:** FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus is meeting today to discuss FCM's fall advocacy priorities ahead of Parliament resuming and the federal budget unveiling this fall. On the agenda: ensuring effective actions on housing and homelessness, focus on infrastructure needed to build housing and spur economic growth, and keeping our cities and communities safe.

**Sept 5:** "The key to doubling housing construction is fixing what we feel is an outdated model for how we fund housing and the growth of the country." - Matt Gemmel, FCM's Executive Director of Policy and Public Affairs

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Ahead of [#Budget2025](#), FCM is calling on the federal government to support the work municipalities are already doing to deliver for Canadians, especially in building more housing and the infrastructure needed to support it. [#CDNMuni](#) [#cdnpoli](#)

**Sept 5:** FCM welcomes continued federal leadership to strengthen the Canadian economy. Today's announcement responds to the challenging moment we are in and will support impacted sectors and communities, including steel, aluminum, forestry and agriculture. FCM is pleased to see new supports for our Canola farmers.

A new federal Buy Canadian policy is an effective strategic response that FCM supports. We look forward to reviewing the procurement roadmap requirements and to working with the federal government on the successful implementation of these policies. [#CDNMuni](#) [#cdnpoli](#)