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**GMF's 2024–25 Annual Report: Real results,
lasting impact for Canadian communities**



For 25 years, FCM's Green Municipal Fund (GMF) has helped local governments deliver projects that are both economically and environmentally sustainable, proving that investing in sustainability delivers real value for Canadians, helps communities thrive and strengthens Canada as a whole.

Thanks to our longstanding partnership with the Government of Canada, we continue to deliver concrete results in communities nationwide. With \$311 million in approved funding—a 400% increase since 2018—demand is higher than ever, proving the case for strong local need. This year, GMF met that need by delivering critical, high-impact funding with unprecedented speed—mobilizing two large climate adaptation initiatives in just 9 months.

GMF's 2024–25 Annual Report showcases the many ways GMF is helping build more sustainable communities and a stronger Canada.

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NEWS

New legislation a positive step in combatting hate

FCM welcomed the federal government's September 19 announcement to strengthen Canada's legislative framework to protect communities from hate. This legislation is a direct response to FCM's consistent calls for a clearer and stronger definition of hate speech.

Everyone deserves to live in a community where they feel safe. As the order of government closest to Canadians' daily life, local leaders see first-hand how hate can threaten safety, trust and community well-being.

With partnership across all orders of government being critical, FCM is sharing with members a letter provided by the Minister of Justice Sean Fraser that addresses municipalities and provides further details on this new legislation.

FCM will seek to ensure any new measures building on this effort will address the impacts and root causes of hate in our communities.

» [READ THE MINISTER'S LETTER TO MUNICIPALITIES ON THE NEW COMBATTING HATE ACT](#)

FCM welcomes Affordable Housing Fund investment

On Friday, as an immediate follow up to the Build Canada Homes (BCH) announcement, the federal government announced additional investment in the Affordable Housing Fund.

FCM welcomes the \$1.5B top up in loans under the Affordable Housing Fund's New Construction Stream and the decision to accelerate \$385 million in funding under the Affordable Housing Fund's Rapid Housing Sub-Stream. This will play an important role in ensuring housing projects that are already in the pipeline are not stalled while BCH is in development.

This announcement answers FCM's call to maintain momentum by quickly advancing urgently needed funding for affordable housing.

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Municipal momentum – Local leaders in action

Calgary is leading the way on housing, accounting for the country's highest housing starts per capita last year—but like in many Canadian municipalities, affordability remains a challenge.

In a video that shows some of Calgary's newest housing initiatives, City Councillor Courtney Walcott opens up about his own experience with housing affordability, explains how the city has been able to move the dial and how all orders of government must work together on this priority. This new series will highlight municipal success and leadership across the country. Stay tuned!

» [WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

Deadline approaching: Join the Green Municipal Fund Council

Calling all elected municipal officials in British Columbia: submit your nomination to join the Green Municipal Fund Council before September 29.

Bring your visionary leadership and expertise in municipal sustainability to the GMF Council. By joining the Council, you'll contribute to advancing impactful, lasting environmental initiatives and witness the tangible results of GMF-funded projects that are improving communities across Canada. Join the Council to lead change.

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EVENTS

Webinar: Plan for local climate resilience

Join us on October 9 at 1 p.m. ET to learn how the *Climate-Ready Communities Assessment Tool* helps municipalities identify local climate risks and shape equitable adaptation strategies. This webinar also introduces step-by-step tip sheets designed to guide your next actions and strengthen your community's long-term resilience.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Back to Parliament: Time to build together | The Hill Times**

FCM President Rebecca Bligh's op-ed in The Hill Times about the return of parliament, housing and housing-enabling infrastructure, as well as the launch of the Build Canada Homes initiative by the federal government. "FCM is calling to expand the Canada Community Building Fund, and to index it to GDP growth—helping communities plan and deliver the infrastructure that unlocks housing and drives economic growth," said President Bligh.

» **Here's how Build Canada Homes aims to address housing crisis | The Peterborough Examiner**

Beginning with 4,000 homes on six federally owned sites, the \$13-billion Build Canada Homes housing plan, unveiled September 14 by the federal government, aims to support the creation of 500,000 homes per year for middle-class Canadians. FCM cautioned that reaching that scale will require more than the initiative alone. Infrastructure investments, including roads, water systems and public transit are needed, the group said. "Build Canada Homes is an opportunity to work together to deliver the housing Canadians need," said FCM President Rebecca Bligh.

» **Municipalities to press feds on infrastructure and safety as Parliament returns | The Graphic Leader**

Joe Masi, a councillor from Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, and member of FCM's Board of Directors, said that FCM is advocating for sustainable infrastructure funding to support housing and concrete measures to improve public safety as the federal parliament returns. "Municipalities are up to the challenge to partner with the federal government, and by working together, we're going to have a better community," said Masi.

RESOURCES

Six factsheets to help make your municipality's affordable housing more energy-efficient

For community housing providers in Canada, GMF's Sustainable Affordable Housing (SAH) initiative is a path to long-term affordability, sustainability and resilience. Over five years, SAH has contributed to a 68-percent reduction in GHG emissions across all

projects, and 65 percent of SAH-funded units have exceeded affordability requirements.

These six factsheets outline the many benefits of energy-efficient housing, including increased affordability, lower energy costs and better quality of life. Whether you want to make your current buildings more efficient or design a high-performance new build, these factsheets offer key insights to help you achieve your performance targets.

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Electric cruisers, fire trucks and collection vehicles: Funding your way forward

From police cruisers and fire trucks to garbage and compost collection vehicles, municipalities are electrifying their fleets with GMF funding to save on fuel and maintenance, create local jobs and deliver cleaner, quieter streets.

Access up to \$200K to plan and \$10M to get to work. You can also stack GMF offers with federal and provincial incentives to stretch budgets further.

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Toolkit: Improving Alberta's community buildings

Responsible for 60% of the province's public infrastructure, municipalities across Alberta are reducing energy costs and extending the service life of their community buildings with energy retrofits.

GMF's new toolkit highlights energy monitoring and retrofit projects from six communities: St. Albert, Canmore, High Level, Provost, Two Hills and Chauvin. It also shares recommendations to help you save money and streamline the retrofit process.

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Sept 19: Calgary is leading the way on housing, accounting for the country's

conversations from FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show in this special [@MunicipalWorld](#) magazine—available now!

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programs reflect the realities of communities of all sizes, from all regions of the country.

Yesterday in Alberta, FCM's Executive Committee had the chance to connect with local leaders in the [@MDofBighorn](#), where last month a new net-zero carbon Operations Facility for the community opened with funding through FCM's [@GreenMuniFund](#).

This type of sustainable infrastructure is designed for long-term efficiency and environmental impact and will serve the community for many years to come.
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City Councillor [@CWalcottYYC](#) explains how [@cityofcalgary](#) has stepped up with innovative solutions to move the dial on affordable housing, and how all orders of government can—and must—work together to fully address this national crisis.

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