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**Advocacy update: postal service disruption and Canada Post strike**



Canada's postal service is an integral part of community economic development, growth and sustainability. The abrupt announcement of changes to Canada Post services, followed by the subsequent postal worker strike, creates significant challenges. This affects vulnerable communities and disrupts municipal elections. As local leaders, you know this firsthand.

FCM has engaged with the Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, Joël Lightbound, to raise our concerns about the lack of consultation with municipalities on these proposed changes.

» [READ FCM'S LETTER TO MINISTER LIGHTBOUND](#)

## NEWS



### FCM advocates for stronger wildfire prevention and response

On Thursday October 2, FCM's Executive Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Matt Gemmel, spoke to the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry. On the heels of Canada's third consecutive record-breaking wildfire season, he discussed challenges that municipalities face due to wildfires.

FCM is calling for stronger national coordination measures to respond to these disasters and for sustained federal funding to reduce wildfire risk in communities across the country.

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## **PMI-WILL Impact Report 2024-2025**

In its fourth year, the Partnerships for Municipal Innovation – Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL) project is driving measurable change in Benin, Cambodia, Ghana, Sri Lanka and Zambia.

Despite shifting political contexts and global challenges, our municipal partners are strengthening institutions, expanding women’s leadership and transforming local governance.

» [READ THE FULL IMPACT REPORT](#)

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## **Building Healthier Communities Through Partnership in Cambodia**

Canadian and Cambodian municipalities involved in the PMI-WILL project are seeing firsthand how collaboration strengthens local communities. During a visit to the Sam Buor Health Centre in Kralanh district, delegates learned how the Centre is leading maternal and child health and nutrition classes for pregnant mothers, an initiative supported through joint efforts of FCM, the National League of Local Councils of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Global Affairs Canada.

FCM members from Middlesex County, ON, and Truro, NS, exchanged experiences with Cambodian partners, learning innovative approaches to community engagement, advocacy and supporting women and children. By engaging in initiatives like PMI-WILL, Canadian municipalities contribute to global development while gaining new perspectives and tools that can inform local strategies for healthier, more resilient communities.

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## **EVENTS**

### **Collective webinar: Water systems financing to support housing growth**

Municipal water infrastructure is critical for growing communities. Join us for a free webinar on October 22 in partnership with the Canada Infrastructure Bank to learn how their flexible financing helps deliver critical water infrastructure in some of the country’s fastest-growing communities.

A house isn’t a home without running water, yet local leaders are left with tough choices on how to maintain and expand water and wastewater services while keeping fares and water rates affordable.

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## **FCM IN THE NEWS**

» **Montreal's next mayor faces big problems. How much power do municipalities have to fix them? | CBC News**

As Quebecers head to the polls on Nov. 2 for the municipal elections, experts say the next local leaders across the province will need to build alliances with other orders of government to tackle the most pressing issues. Rebecca Bligh, President of FCM, said municipalities are “shouldering many of the costs” related to housing, homelessness and public safety. Bligh argues that the funding model for Canadian municipalities is outdated.

» **How Canada's short-term thinking sparked a national housing crisis | National Post**

Following the federal government’s unveiling of the Build Canada Homes program, the National Post took an in-depth look at why Canada has a housing shortage that has in recent years led to a range of problems, from rising home prices to homelessness. FCM President Rebecca Bligh said she supports Ottawa’s new housing program and its goal of building 500,000 new homes a year, but that achieving this mark will require a concerted effort and significant funding.

» **Municipalities across Canada raise concerns as Canada Post strike continues | CTV News**

FCM’s First Vice President and Ottawa Councillor, Tim Tierney, spoke with CTV News Channel about the recent announcement made by the federal government related to Canada Post and the ongoing postal strike. Tierney stated that vulnerable populations nationwide are disproportionately affected by the situation. He is saying that the federal government must have conversations with local governments before making any changes to Canada Post’s mandate or services.

» **Moose Jaw mayor visits Ottawa to lobby for more infrastructure money | SaskToday.ca**

Led by two provincial ministers, several mayors from Saskatchewan, including Moose Jaw Mayor James Murdock, travelled to Ottawa on October 1-2 as part of a delegation advocating for renewed federal investment in municipal infrastructure.

## RESOURCES

**GMF’s 2024–25 Annual Report: An inspiring success story in Nunavut**

GMF helps municipalities build culturally vibrant, livable, and resilient communities. In Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, a new cultural campus, blending Inuit practices for building in harmony with the Arctic landscape with low-carbon design, creates a hub for learning, cultural preservation and connection. The project also strengthens local economy by prioritizing Northern and Indigenous-owned businesses, giving community members a meaningful role in shaping their own space.

This story—one of many featured in GMF’s 2024-25 Annual Report—shows how GMF’s impactful investments across the country are addressing social needs,

boosting well-being and strengthening communities—improving the quality of life for Canadians everywhere.

» **READ THE REPORT**

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### **Last call: Apply now for GMF's safe and active school routes funding**

GMF's Safe and Active School Routes initiative helps communities quickly improve safety around schools. This limited-time opportunity provides up to \$125,000 (covering 50–80% of eligible project costs) for infrastructure such as crossings, bike lanes, sidewalks, lighting and traffic-calming measures designed to reduce risk and encourage active transportation.

In addition to funding, participants join a national peer learning cohort to access expert guidance and proven strategies from other municipalities. Applications are open until October 17.

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### **Funding: Turn wastewater gas into energy**

The region of Waterloo in Ontario saves about \$1.5 million every year by turning methane from its wastewater treatment plants into heat and electricity. Supported by GMF, the project could generate more than \$16 million in savings over 20 years.

Your community could do the same with GMF funding, with up to \$100,000 for business cases, \$200,000 for studies and \$10 million for capital projects.

» **START YOUR APPLICATION TODAY**

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### **Funding available for climate resilience projects**

Co-operators Resilience Acceleration Lab is inviting municipalities to apply for funding to develop infrastructure projects that reduce physical climate risks, including flooding, wildfires, storms, and heat. Selected proposals may receive up to \$250,000 and expert guidance to prepare for private capital financing. Projects will be reviewed on a rolling basis until January 30, 2026. Together, we can build community resilience, protect affordability, and stimulate growth!

» **Learn more about the Resilience Acceleration Lab and apply at [cooperators.ca/resilience](https://cooperators.ca/resilience)**

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Safer, healthier communities are within reach. #CDNMuni are ready to work together with the federal government to modernize Canada's public safety system in a way that works for communities of all sizes.

That's what FCM President Rebecca Bligh discussed with Minister of Public Safety Gary Anandasangaree yesterday. #CDNMuni #cdnpoli

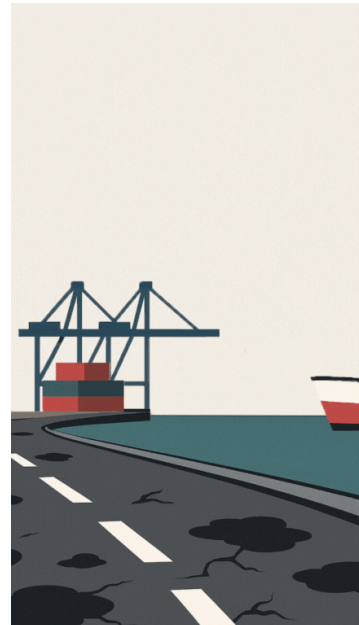
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Municipal leaders know firsthand that the local impact of changes proposed to Canada Post services is significant, and #CDNMuni must be consulted in any further developments from the #GoC.

Hear FCM 1st VP @timtierney.ca's take on CTV: [www.ctvnews.ca/video/202](http://www.ctvnews.ca/video/202) #CDNMuni #cdnpoli

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