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Bail reform legislation: Advocacy update

Last week, the federal government tabled Bill C-14, the *Bail and Sentencing Reform Act*, marking important progress on a long-standing concern of municipalities across the country. Bill C-14 includes tougher bail conditions for individuals charged with violent crimes, expanded reverse-onus provisions, and new sentencing rules. FCM welcomes this legislation as a step in the right direction and will continue to advocate for a comprehensive federal approach to community safety.

Minister of Justice Sean Fraser has written a letter to municipalities on this new legislation; you can access it below.

» [READ MINISTER FRASER'S LETTER](#)

» [READ OUR NEWS RELEASE](#)

In case you missed it—FCM Executive Director of Policy and Public Affairs Matt Gemmel spoke to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights on FCM's bail reform recommendations.

» WATCH HIS REMARKS

NEWS

Bail reform legislation: Shining a spotlight on municipal priorities

FCM was actively involved in last week's federal bail reform announcement, helping bring municipal priorities on public safety into the national spotlight. Our efforts were reflected in high-profile media coverage, including *La Presse* and *Journal de Québec*, with additional mentions on *CTV* and the *National Post*. Our related social media content also saw strong engagements, reaching over 2,300 impressions and generating more than 100 likes and shares across multiple platforms in the first 24 hours. This visibility highlights FCM's growing influence on public safety.

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EVENTS

Next week: Collective webinar on accelerating new home construction

As Canada faces an urgent housing crisis, modular and prefabricated construction methods are gaining attention as scalable, cost-effective solutions to rapidly build new homes. Despite their promise, these approaches face persistent barriers—from fragmented regulations and inspection standards to financing challenges and public misconceptions.

On November 5, join FCM and the CSA Group for this timely webinar exploring how municipalities can unlock the full potential of modular construction.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» Liberals propose stricter bail rules for violent and repeat offenders | National Post

Recently, the federal government tabled Bill C-14. The long-awaited bail reform bill promises to make it more difficult for violent and repeat offenders to be released before trial. The bill received support from the Canadian Police Association and FCM.

» Federal government, province to spend \$3B on mini nuclear power plant in Bowmanville, Ontario | CBC News

Ontario and the federal government have announced \$3 billion to build Canada's first small modular reactors, to be built next door to the Darlington power plant. To help develop the first of four small modular reactors, the province will spend \$1 billion

through the Building Ontario Fund, while Ottawa will spend \$2 billion through the Canada Growth Fund.

» **Canada postal workers strike update: Minister defends changes | CTV News**

The federal Procurement Minister Joël Lightbound recently said that the changes to Canada Post's mandate are not aimed at reducing services to rural and remote communities. Lightbound said he's made it "crystal clear" to Canada Post that it must maintain delivery standards to rural, remote and Indigenous communities in whatever steps management takes to overhaul the Crown corporation's business model.

» **Repeat offenders must come off the streets, Winnipeg mayor tells federal lawmakers | CBC News**

Winnipeg Mayor Scott Gillingham appeared before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights to discuss public safety and call for bail reform. Gillingham was one of the witnesses who presented to lawmakers in Ottawa ahead of the October 23 introduction of legislation imposing tougher release conditions for people awaiting trial.

RESOURCES

Funding to strengthen urban forestry plans for your community

Urban forests are key to resilient communities. As climate risks grow, municipalities can act by planning, protecting and expanding their urban tree canopy to build healthier, more resilient communities. Through GMF's *Urban Forestry Plans and Studies* funding, municipalities of all sizes can access up to \$175,000 to grow healthier, more climate-resilient communities. This funding supports plans and studies that deliver lasting social benefits through increased access to new and improved green spaces, better air quality, enhanced public health and increased safety and security.

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Energy savings made possible with solar panels

To protect against fluctuating energy prices, the Town of Raymond, Alberta, installed solar panels across its municipal buildings, achieving net-zero operational electricity use. The project saves over \$130,000 annually and reduces about 700 tonnes of CO₂ emissions each year.

With GMF support, your community can power multiple buildings or entire neighborhoods with clean energy with possible access to up to \$100K for a business case, \$200K to design a system and \$10M to build it.

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New research and resources to boost your community's sustainability

The Municipal Net-Zero Action Research Partnership (N-ZAP) is recruiting 250 Canadian communities to provide feedback on new research and resources designed to help municipalities reach their climate targets while making life better for residents.

By participating as an N-ZAP pilot community, you'll gain access to cutting-edge research and peer support so that you can build cleaner, healthier communities and a stronger local economy.

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Unlock tourism insights with Destination Canada data

Empower your municipality with Destination Canada's **Data Collective**. Access powerful insights on visitor trends, economic impact, and community engagement to shape smarter tourism strategies. Join FCM members across Canada using real time data to build sustainable, community-based tourism experiences that drive long-term prosperity and enhance residents' quality of life.

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TOMORROW – municipal leaders from across the country are gathering in Ottawa for FCM's annual Advocacy Days. Watch this space for updates throughout the week!

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Municipalities are where population growth happens and where newcomers create a new life.

Immigration is essential for Canada's long-term prosperity & workforce growth, but it must be coordinated with local capacity in housing, infrastructure and service delivery.

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