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FCM welcomes Budget 2025, but long-term plan needed

Last week, the federal government tabled *Budget 2025: Canada Strong*, emphasizing economic resilience and national priorities. FCM welcomes the recognition of local infrastructure's role in advancing housing, trade and growth. However, of the \$51 billion Build Communities Strong Fund, a significant portion reflects existing, reprofiled commitments. While this offers early momentum, a long-term plan at scale to fund the infrastructure that makes national housing and economic goals achievable is still needed. In the Prairies and Northern communities, support for the canola sector and the \$1 billion Arctic Infrastructure Fund highlight regional potential. Projects like the RCMP Heritage Centre in Regina and Inuit Nunangat University show local readiness—but sustained investment is required to meet housing and economic ambitions.

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NEWS



FCM presents to Parliamentary committees

Last week, FCM presented to two Parliamentary Committees to advocate on key issues affecting municipalities across the country.

The House of Commons Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates heard from us on the vital nature of Canada Post offices in rural and remote communities and the need for meaningful municipal consultation before any changes are made to Canada Post's mandate.

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At the Senate Committee on Banking, Commerce and Economy, FCM discussed the need for adequate investments in housing-enabling infrastructure as a part of the solution to the housing crisis and the current use and impact of development charges.

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EVENTS

NEW Collective webinar: Building a robust visitor economy in rural communities

Tourism can serve as a powerful catalyst for sustainable local prosperity. FCM is once again partnering with Destination Canada on a free Collective webinar exploring the positive impact that the visitor economy can have on local growth, community pride and job creation.

Join our expert panel on November 27 as they share practical tools and best practices for municipal leaders to leverage these opportunities while keeping communities in mind and celebrating local heritage.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Federal budget charts difficult path out of current crisis—with small margin of error | CBC News**

The 2025 federal budget outlines a recovery plan for Canada’s economy amid a trade war, emphasizing the urgency for bold action. Finance Minister Champagne called for generational ambition. The budget includes multiple growth scenarios, with the most optimistic assuming a rollback of U.S. tariffs and a return to normal global trade.

» **What's going on with the Canada Post strikes? | CBC News**

More than a month into rotating Canada Post strikes, workers and the businesses that rely on the national postal service are facing growing uncertainty. While the rolling strikes have largely spared major urban centres, most Canadians can still send mail and parcels. On Nov. 3, CUPW returned to the bargaining table with Canada Post for the first time in a month. The two sides have been negotiating a new collective agreement for over 18 months.

» **Mayor Knack calls for municipal funding overhaul after budget | Edmonton Journal**

Edmonton Mayor Andrew Knack says he’s pleased to see more money for infrastructure investment in the 2025 federal budget, but is renewing calls for a more stable and reliable funding model for municipalities. Knack praised FCM and Alberta Municipalities for their work advocating for more stable funding.

» **Municipalities seek major infrastructure investment, RCMP partnership in federal budget push | The Graphic Leader**

Canadian municipalities are pushing the federal government to invest more in local infrastructure to meet housing targets, says Portage la Prairie Coun. Joe Masi, who also serves on FCM’s Board of Directors as a Manitoba representative. Masi recently returned from FCM board meetings and advocacy days in Ottawa, where he and colleagues met with nearly 100 Members of Parliament, ministers, and senators to outline municipal priorities.

RESOURCES

Capturing emissions and turning waste into energy with anaerobic digestion

Turn food waste into energy using anaerobic digestion—a practical waste solution that delivers reliable local power, lowers hauling and tipping costs, controls odours, extends landfill life and helps reduce landfill emissions.

Our latest factsheet shows how food waste can generate energy through biogas conversion—from food waste to energy and converting waste to energy into electricity, heat or renewable natural gas. It will provide guidance to help determine if anaerobic digestion suits your community.

» **DOWNLOAD THE FACTSHEET**

Apply now: Partner with Vietnam for resilient, inclusive cities

FCM is inviting Canadian municipalities to join the Viet Nam Climate Resilient Municipalities (VNCRM) project, a new partnership connecting local governments in Canada and Vietnam to strengthen climate resilience and inclusive governance.

Through peer-to-peer collaboration, participating municipalities will exchange expertise on climate-smart infrastructure, asset management and community engagement. Together, they'll advance tangible, local solutions for global challenges. This five-year initiative, funded by Global Affairs Canada, is part of Canada's commitment to a sustainable, resilient Indo-Pacific region.

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Small towns, big impacts: GMF in rural communities

Since 2000, FCM's Green Municipality Fund has invested over \$346 million in rural, northern and remote communities across Canada—funding innovative projects that reduce energy costs, strengthen local economies, increase affordable housing and more. Explore quick stories of lasting change in small communities and resources to help your work.

» **FIND IDEAS FOR YOUR NEXT PROJECT**

LOCAL DATA

Canada's Core Public Infrastructure Survey is in collection

Data collection for **Canada's Core Public Infrastructure Survey (CCPI) 2024** is in progress. The CCPI provides vital information on the performance of Canada's public infrastructure and helps all levels of government to develop more evidence and results-based policies, as well as monitor and report on the progress of these investments.

If you have been selected to participate, this can be done by electronic questionnaire or by request, an Excel spreadsheet or fillable PDF. The deadline to respond is November 13, 2025.

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BUDGET 2025 | Local infrastructure is critical to Canada's economy, but long-term planning at scale is still needed. Our full reaction to #Budget2025: <https://t.co/dUvEgtOjbY> #CDNMuni #cdnpoli

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BUDGET 2025 | Today's budget recognizes a core reality: municipal infrastructure is essential economic infrastructure for Canada—critical to economic strength, productivity, trade and housing delivery.

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On the heels of #Budget2025, FCM 1st VP @timtierney.ca is in Halifax today connecting with municipal leaders from across Nova Scotia at NSF's Fall Conference.

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