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What Budget 2025 means for your community



Tabled by the federal government earlier this month, and to be voted on in the House of Commons this evening, Budget 2025 underscores the need for strategic investments to support Canadians and emphasizes economic resilience and national priorities like local infrastructure. The mix of new and reprofiled investments in Budget 2025 will help municipalities move faster now, but a long-term plan to fund the infrastructure that makes national housing and growth goals achievable is still needed.

FCM's federal budget policy analysis highlights key measures, identifies gaps in federal support, and offers insights to strengthen your advocacy and planning efforts.

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EVENTS

Collective webinar: Building a robust visitor economy in rural communities

Tourism can serve as a powerful catalyst for sustainable local prosperity. FCM is 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 Thursday, November 27, from 12-1 p.m. ET 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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Building circular futures: Leading change in municipal construction, renovation and demolition

Join us on Thursday, November 27, from 2-3 p.m. ET for the *Building Circular Futures: Leading Change in Municipal Construction, Renovation and Demolition* webinar. Discover proven tactics to integrate circularity into your municipality projects and learn how to plan deconstruction without delays, source and verify reclaimed materials before they reach site, while keeping timelines on track.

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Information session on VNCRM project

On Tuesday, November 18, from 1-2 p.m. ET, we are hosting an information session for Canadian municipalities interested in the Viet Nam Climate Resilient Municipalities (VNCRM) project.

This session is a great opportunity to learn more about the project's goals, the peer-to-peer partnership model and what participating municipalities can expect over the next five years. We will explain the application process and answer any questions you may have.

FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Is this the federal budget you expected? Is it the budget you wanted? | Radio Noon Quebec | On Demand | CBC Listen [15:48-22:14]**

On November 5, FCM President Rebecca Bligh spoke with Shawn Apel from CBC Radio about the federal budget, FCM's positive takeaways, how it will benefit municipalities moving forward, and what is missing from the federal government's plan.

» **How can we improve the fight against forest fires in Canada? | Le téléjournal avec Céline Galipeau**

As part of a Radio-Canada report on wildfires across the country, Yvon Godin, President of the Association francophone des municipalités du Nouveau-Brunswick and member of FCM's Board of Directors, discussed the situation and emphasized the need for increased federal government support. Currently, FCM is advocating for a national fleet of water bombers.

» **Nunavut municipalities discuss military-civilian dual-use infrastructure projects | CBC News**

The Nunavut Association of Municipalities held its annual conference from November 11-13 in Iqaluit, where infrastructure funding was top of mind. FCM's Executive Director of Policy and Public Affairs Matt Gemmel attended and talked to CBC North about the significance of the federal government's investment in core municipal infrastructure.

» **Regina mayor says federal budget 'hit a mark' for civic infrastructure | Regina Leader Post**

Regina Mayor Chad Bachynski said he's optimistic about the federal budget's funding for municipal infrastructure. FCM said the funding "acknowledges that municipal infrastructure is essential to Canada's productivity and trade," but falls short regarding assurances of sustained support.

RESOURCES

Destination Development toolkits to support rural, remote and Northern community-based tourism

In partnership with Destination Canada, we are proud to share two powerful new resources designed exclusively for rural, remote, and Northern municipalities.

When tourism is woven into municipal growth strategies, it can be a catalyst for local resilience, inclusive prosperity, and community revitalization. These Destination

Development toolkits incorporate feedback and expertise from municipal leaders across Canada to ensure they deliver actionable, practical solutions for your community's tourism ambitions.

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How energy-efficient affordable housing is improving the lives of Canadians

When communities across Canada add more affordable housing, there's nobody that benefits more than the residents themselves. When those homes are designed or retrofitted for greater energy efficiency, they not only provide rent stability, but also healthier air and greater year-round comfort—and residents are even saving up to \$200 on their monthly energy bills.

As we look forward to celebrating National Housing Day this Saturday, discover the inspiring stories of six Canadians—including those in Banff and Saskatoon—who are living comfortably and saving money thanks to projects supported by GMF's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative.

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Small towns, big impacts: Creating jobs and building sustainable community spaces

Rural and Indigenous communities are investing in green community buildings that create local jobs and support residents' well-being.

For example, in Nunavut, Cambridge Bay is revitalizing local practices and supporting Northern and Indigenous-owned businesses with the construction of a new cultural campus. And the City of Iqaluit created 38 new jobs and brought the community together by constructing a new energy-efficient aquatic centre.

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Waste less, earn more: Funding available now

With long winters and high heating needs, your communities can benefit from GMF's Organic Waste-to-Energy funding. Turn food scraps, biosolids and agricultural byproducts into clean energy and valuable soil products. Cut costs, support energy independence and build local resilience. From assessments to implementation, we'll help you turn waste into opportunity.

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FCM's 1st VP [Tim Tierney](#) is in Calgary today, connecting with municipal leaders from across Alberta at [Alberta Municipalities | Strength in Members 2025 Convention & Trade Show](#).

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FCM joined local leaders from all across Nunavut in Iqaluit this week to hear their unique challenges and perspectives. Together with the [Nunavut Association of Municipalities](#), FCM brings local voices directly to the federal government. Our thanks to NAM and Mayor Solomon Awa for having us.

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