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**Nationwide outreach: FCM meets members where they are during fall PTA conferences**



FCM been busy meeting with members from coast to coast to coast this fall—attending numerous provincial and territorial association (PTA) conferences across the country to connect with you in person. Over the past two months alone, FCM’s table officers, leadership team and staff have engaged with local municipal leaders at conferences held by the Fédération québécoise des municipalités, Union of BC Municipalities, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick, Association francophone des municipalités du Nouveau-Brunswick, Alberta Municipalities, Nunavut Association of Municipalities, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador and later this week, the Association of Manitoba Municipalities. Our commitment to connect with our members in their own communities, and ensure their voices are heard by the federal government, remains paramount.

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## NEWS

### **Build Canada Homes application portal opening soon**

The federal government has just released its Investment Policy Framework for Build Canada Homes—outlining the agency’s priorities, investment principles, and eligibility criteria. FCM is glad to see a focus on affordability, flexibility and shovel-ready projects. We will continue advocating for a program design that ensures municipalities of all sizes can access this fund.

The application portal for Build Canada Homes is due to open before the end of November. Stay tuned for further information.

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### **Last chance to register: Building a robust visitor economy in your communities**

Tourism can serve as a powerful catalyst for sustainable local prosperity. This week, 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 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. Space is filling up fast, so save your spot today!

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### **FCM's GMF Council is recruiting a new elected municipal official**

FCM is seeking an elected municipal official from Alberta, Manitoba or the Territories to join the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) Council. We're looking for a recognized community champion with the knowledge and skills to review technical and financial information in municipal sustainability project applications.

Since inception, we're proud to have supported homegrown projects—149 in Alberta, 75 in Manitoba and 29 in the Canadian Territories—in clean energy, cost-saving transportation, cost-saving home energy upgrades and climate resilience. Join the council to help guide strategic investments in innovative municipal initiatives that strengthen communities and build a more sustainable, prosperous Canada. Apply by January 12.

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## **EVENTS**

### **Building circular futures: Leading change in municipal construction, renovation and demolition**

Join our one-hour webinar on Thursday, November 27, at 2 p.m. ET, to learn how material circularity delivers results in construction, renovation and demolition. You'll hear project leads share practical tactics: specifications that enable material reuse, deconstruction planning without delays, sourcing and verifying reclaimed stock, while keeping timelines on track.

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### **Join Ghana's workshop on ending workplace gender-based violence**

As part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, our PMI-WILL partners in Ghana are hosting a national workshop on preventing sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment in local governments.

The workshop will be held in person in Accra on November 27, from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. GMT. For those not attending on site—including Canadian municipalities—a virtual option is available from 5–8 a.m. ET. Participants will hear from municipal

leaders, gender experts and civil society organizations on building safe, inclusive, harassment-free municipal workplaces.

*This workshop is part of the PMI-WILL project, implemented by FCM and funded by Global Affairs Canada.*

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## How municipalities can strengthen Canada's economic resilience

Municipalities drive economic growth by providing the infrastructure that connects us, supports jobs and attracts new businesses. That's why impacts of trade uncertainty and U.S. tariffs are felt in our communities first.

On December 4 at 1 p.m. ET, the Lawrence National Centre for Policy and Management will be hosting a webinar with a panel of experts including London Mayor Josh Morgan, Sturgeon County Mayor Alanna Hnatiw and Saint John Mayor Donna Reardon. This session will explore how municipalities can strengthen their role in Canada's evolving trade environment and help shape a more resilient economic future for their communities and residents.

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## FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Budget 2025: MPs pass Carney budget, avoid holiday election | CTV News**

On November 17, the federal minority government survived the final confidence vote on Budget 2025, preventing federal elections during the holiday season.

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» **Patty Cuttell elected Halifax's new deputy mayor | CityNews**

FCM Board member Patty Cuttell has been appointed Halifax's new deputy mayor. "Deputy mayor Cuttell brings significant professional experience to her role, including her national leadership at FCM," said Halifax Mayor Andy Fillmore. Cuttell was first elected to the regional council in 2020.

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» **Push for nation-building projects could leave northern communities behind, municipal leader fears | Nunatsiaq News**

FCM's Executive Director of Policy and Public Affairs Matt Gemmel spoke with Nunatsiaq News about the importance of the federal government investing in smaller communities. Gemmel stated that FCM is examining the future of the North from a municipal perspective.

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## RESOURCES

## Rural communities leading the way through waste challenges

Across rural Canada, a growing number of projects are demonstrating remarkable innovation and impact, showcasing the country's leadership in turning organic waste into clean, renewable energy. With support from GMF through the Organic Waste-to-Energy and Net-Zero Transformation offers, municipalities are adopting practical, small-scale energy recovery.

Explore how GMF's funding can help your municipality turn organic waste into success stories and replicate proven approaches to create new opportunities.

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## Discover inspiring stories of Canadians living in energy-efficient affordable housing

Through five years, the GMF has supported more than 4,100 units across the country. That means thousands of Canadians have improved their quality of life now that they have safe, healthy and affordable housing. Residents enjoy cleaner air, greater year-round comfort and financial stability. Read this article series to hear from the people and their families—including those in Banff and Saskatoon—whose lives have greatly improved after moving into a GMF-funded housing development.

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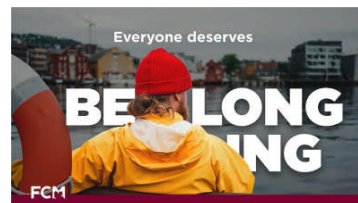
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Housing is more than a roof overhead—it's the foundation for healthy lives and thriving communities. On this National Housing

was in Salt Lake City this week connecting with local leaders south of the border at the National @leagueofcities' City Summit. Ties between Canada and the U.S. run deep, and when it comes to local priorities, there's much more that unites us than divides us.



Day, FCM reaffirms our call to the federal government for more affordable housing in communities of all sizes—because everyone deserves a place to call home.

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