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**Got shovel-ready housing proposals? The Build Canada Homes portal is open**



Last Thursday, November 27, the federal government opened its online portal for Build Canada Homes, the new agency tasked with scaling up the supply of affordable housing across Canada. FCM strongly encourages Canadian municipalities with planned, shovel-ready housing proposals to submit them via this portal.

The portal webpage for Build Canada Homes highlights affordability, speed, innovation and regional impact as being particularly important in determining application priority. FCM will continue to engage with Build Canada Homes to ensure municipalities of all sizes and in all regions can benefit from the agency's work.

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## NEWS

### **Renew your FCM membership for 2026–2027**

Have you renewed your 2026–2027 FCM membership? Now is the time to do so to unlock the many benefits that come with being an FCM member.

Powered by over 2,000 members, FCM is the national voice of local governments. For 125 years, FCM's impact has been rooted in the energy and leadership of its members. Together, we've tackled shared challenges with innovative solutions, secured tangible wins with the federal government and strengthened local leadership from coast to coast to coast. Renew today to keep driving progress together.

Chief Administrative Officers – please look for renewal details in your inbox over the coming days!

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### **Join the GMF Council**

FCM is seeking an elected municipal official from Alberta, Manitoba or one of the Canadian Territories to join the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) Council. As a Council member for FCM's GMF, a globally unique and catalytic mix of funding and capacity

building that manages \$2.4 billion in programs funded by the Government of Canada, you will help equip municipalities nationwide with the tools they need to accelerate their transition to a resilient, sustainable future.

Bring your leadership, expertise and passion for sustainability to the GMF Council to help advance local resilience and sustainability leadership in your region, building on GMF's strong impact in Alberta, Manitoba and the Territories, where 253 GMF-supported projects have contributed \$115 million to GDP. Apply by January 12, 2026.

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### **New international project: South African Resilient Municipalities**

We are pleased to announce the South African Resilient Municipalities project, a new initiative funded by Global Affairs Canada and delivered in partnership with the South African Local Government Association.

Highlighted by Prime Minister Mark Carney at the G20 Summit, this initiative strengthens locally-led climate resilience and disaster preparedness in vulnerable South African municipalities. The project creates space for mutual learning between Canadian and South African municipal leaders, advancing inclusive, gender-responsive services and ensuring that resilience efforts reach those most affected.

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## **EVENTS**

### **NEW Collective webinar: Bloomberg Cities Idea Exchange**

Local governments across Canada are constantly seeking innovative ways to address local challenges and improve residents' lives. This Collective webinar—delivered in partnership between FCM and Bloomberg Philanthropies—introduces local governments to the Bloomberg Cities Idea Exchange, an initiative to accelerate the spread of successful civic solutions between communities around the world.

On December 18, attendees will learn how their communities can engage with the Idea Exchange—whether by lending or borrowing successful ideas—and explore inspiring examples from participating local governments that demonstrate how peer-learning and adaptation lead to measurable results.

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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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### **How to complete an Urban forestry plans and studies funding application**

A strong urban forestry plan brings multiple benefits to your community. If your community is interested in Green Municipality Fund's *Urban forestry plans and studies funding*, our upcoming workshop offers presentations, document walkthroughs and opportunities for your questions to be answered.

Join us on December 9 at 1 p.m. ET and leave with the tools and insights that will help you understand the funding requirements, learn what each section needs and avoid common pitfalls.

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### **Getting climate adaptation projects off the ground**

Support your community in turning climate adaptation plans into real projects. Join us on December 11 at 2 p.m. ET to learn how to identify and prioritize climate adaptation projects to move from planning to implementation. You will hear helpful guidance on tools and resources, gain insights to navigate common challenges and uncover new opportunities.

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## **FCM IN THE NEWS**

### **» U.S., Canadians cities are on the same page, Ottawa councillor says | CityNews**

Ottawa Councillor Tim Tierney, FCM's First Vice-President, recently joined U.S. local leaders at the National League of Cities' summit in Salt Lake City, strengthening municipal ties across the border amid tariff tensions and emphasized the economic impact on communities.

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### **» Residents alarmed after grader hit by gunfire, acts of vandalism in Manitoba municipality | Winnipeg Free Press**

Municipalities across Manitoba and other parts of Canada are experiencing a troubling rise in threats, harassment, and vandalism aimed at local elected officials. In 2024, FCM approved a resolution urging the federal government to collaborate with the organization on measures to safeguard local elected leaders. President Rebecca Bligh stated that harassment of leaders at all orders of government is "surging." "Some elected officials resigned or chose not to run again because of it," Bligh said.

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» **Yorkton councillor receives national recognition from Municipal World | 620 CKRM | The Voice of Saskatchewan**

Yorkton Councillor Randy Goulden earned an honourable mention in the 2025 Local Government Awards, presented by Municipal World. Goulden was recognized for decades of leadership in municipal governance and her national contributions, including chairing FCM's standing committee on community safety and crime prevention.

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## RESOURCES

### **Partner with Vietnam for resilient, inclusive cities**

FCM is inviting Canadian municipalities to join the Viet Nam Climate Resilient Municipalities (VNCRM) project, a 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 will advance tangible, local solutions for global challenges, from rising sea levels and erosion to solid waste management, not to mention gender inclusion. Apply by Monday, December 8.

*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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### **Access to energy-efficient affordable housing has been a life changer across Canada**

Want to know more about the benefits of energy-efficient affordable housing? Just ask residents themselves.

The Green Municipal Fund (GMF) has been improving the lives of Canadians—including those in Banff and Saskatoon—by supporting the development of affordable housing that is safe, healthy and comfortable. Read this article series to learn the stories of Canadians and their families living in a home supported by GMF's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative. You will learn about how they are enjoying healthier air, greater year-round comfort, financial stability and a higher quality of life.

» **DISCOVER THEIR STORIES**

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### **Resident stories: Local leadership on home energy upgrades lead to real benefits**

From coast to coast to coast, homeowners are cutting energy costs and improving comfort through local financing programs supported by our Community Efficiency Financing initiative.

In Saskatoon, SK, Adam and his family accessed a low-interest loan from the city to tackle multiple energy upgrades and make their energy dreams a reality. In Truro, NS, Christina and her family used a local program to install solar panels, an electric hot water tank and three mini-split heat pumps, all without upfront costs.

These stories highlight how local leadership translates into tangible benefits for households and progress on national climate and housing goals.

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## LOCAL DATA

### Strengthening housing insights through occupancy data

Statistics Canada invites municipalities to join the Residential Building Occupancy project, supported by FCM. This initiative fills housing data gaps by collecting occupancy permit information, allowing us to accurately track when homes are completed and ready for occupancy. Your participation will improve national housing solutions, enhance local planning and streamline reporting. Please share your feedback by completing this five-minute form by December 12.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

### Connect with us on social media

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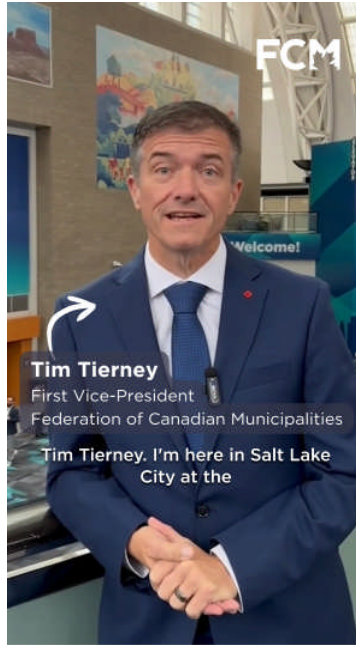


On pressing local priorities—like supporting safe and resilient communities, addressing the economic impact of tariffs, ensuring rail safety and protecting vital postal services in rural and remote communities—FCM is bringing local perspectives from Manitoba and across the country directly to the federal government.

That's the message FCM President Rebecca Bligh brought to Winnipeg today at [Association of Manitoba Municipalities's Fall Conference](#).

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FCM's 3rd VP [Marc Doret](#) joined local leaders from across Newfoundland and Labrador at [Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador's Annual Conference, Trade Show and AGM](#) this weekend—hearing local perspectives and challenges to inform our shared advocacy goals on public safety, emergency management and more.

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